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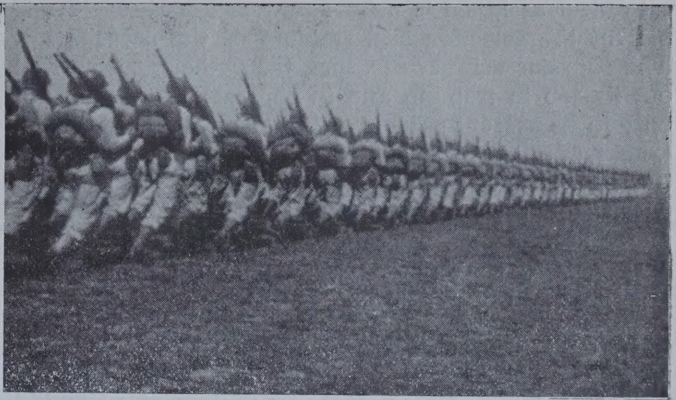
THE 639TH A.A.A. AW. BATTALION AT HOME AND OVERSEAS

FOREWORD

In this book we have recorded the highlights of the Battalion's history and attempted to capture something of the spirit that has made the unit great. It is my hope that its story and pictures will keep fresh the memory of your friends and your accomplishments. Your courage, bravery and sacrifice wrote a page in the history of World War II that justifies the greatest satisfaction. I am very proud of you, and the association with you will remain one of the most pleasant of my life.

W. A. Dautchen

WHEN THE BRASS ARRIVED WE MARCHED



AND THEN MARCHED BACK AGAIN

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CHAPTER I

CAMP DAVIS

The saga of the 639th begins in a « garden spot » in North Carolina. Camp Davis is located about 30 miles from civilization under à low cloud-bank of mosquitoes. It is bounded on three sides by a swamp and on the fourth by Boom Town, sometimes referred to as Holly Ridge. Rumor has it that the site was selected through an error in reading map coordinates.

In March 1942 the 514th Coast Artillery Regiment was activated under the command of Colonel D. E. Morrison. Col. Morrison was fortunate in being able to handpick his cadre and his officers inasmuch as the regiment was to be used as « School Troops ». Later events were to prove him an excellent judge of men.

The old 514th spent a large part of its time beautifying Camp Davis ; some training was carried on with wooden guns, until we finally received some real weapons with which to work. We also furnished cadres for a number of newly activated outfits.

In those days all Coast Artillery (AA) Regiments consisted of three battalions, the First Battalion was always the gun battalion, the Second the automatic weapons and the Third the searchlight. The Second Battalion of the 514th, under the command of Capt. R. W. Kessler, was actually the beginning of the 639th.

While employed as school troops, the 514th worked very closely with the Antiaircraft School and the Antiaircraft Board, both of which were located at Camp Davis The chores included field problems with the officer candidates, demonstration firing for all types of students and running tests on experimental equipment for the Antiaircraft Board.

Elements of the regiment were also used in making various training films which were produced by the Department of Training Publications of the Antiaircraft School. The very nature of these jobs caused the outfit to become literally a « show » regiment, and it was used frequently to impress visiting brass, invariably doing an excellent job.

When the Army War Show was formed in June 1942, it was only natural that the 514th was called upon to furnish the Antiaircraft personnel to be used in the show which toured the country for about six months, showing to an estimated 5,000,000 people. The Second Battalion furnished 2 officers and 15 men for this show.

Combat experience soon made it evident that an antiaircraft regiment was not a practical organization for combat, so in January 1943 the 514th was split into three separate battalions, the 217th Gun Battalion, he 363rd Searchlight Battalion and 639th Coast Artillery (AA) Battalion.

As the 639th, the battalion continued in its role as School Troops until August 1943.

The principal change necessitated by the formation of a separate battalion was the activation of the Medical Detachment. Capt. John E. Sullivan was the medi-

cal officer assigned to us and he was largely responsible for the selection and training of the detachment. The superior manner in which the detachment carried out its job in training and in combat is a tribute not only to its present personnel, but also to Capt Sullivan. One medic received the Bronze Star, four received the Purple Heart and three received Certificates of Merit for their outstanding performances of duty under fire.

In August 1943 the role of School Troops was terminated and we started on the long and arduous road to combat. We were then assigned to the Antiaircraft Artillery Center at Camp Davis and stationed at Fort Fisher. While at Fort Fisher the regular unit training program of twenty-two weeks was condensed into an eight-week schedule and the outfit was alerted for overseas movement.

With the alert orders came instructions to grant final leaves and furloughs. When everyone had returned we found out that it had been a dry run and the alert for overseas movement had been cancelled. We were not destined to be « snowed on in combat » that year.

CHAPTER II

TENNESSEE

A new War Department policy had been established which required combat units to take part in field maneuvers prior to being shipped overseas. So in lieu of combat we went to Tennessee for maneuvers with the Second Army. The trip from Fort Fisher to Camp Forrest, Tennessee was made by motor convoy in three days. Arriving at Camp Forrest on 4 December 1943 we bivouacked in the cold, rain, snow and mud for two weeks before actually entering the maneuvers. It was here that we first began to learn about living in the field under adverse conditions - valuable lessons happily remembered later in combat.

WE LEARNED TO DIG IN AND CAMOUFLAGE

WE LIVED IN THE FIELD

Our « baptism of fire » in maneuvers was memorable in that in the very first problem the entire battalion found itself out in front of the infantry and our « losses » were rather heavy. We were told that such a situation could not happen in combat - it didn't... until the first day of The Ardennes Offensive.

The choice of terrain, the weather we encountered, the types of problems, and the overall rigorous life of maneuvers proved to be providential in that almost every situation we encountered later in combat had had its counterpart to a certain degree in Tennessee.

After four weeks of problems, two weeks of garrison life at Camp Forrest seemed like heaven itself. However, it was far too short and we were soon back in the field - eight more weeks of mock warfare.

An indication that the outfit was born under the sign of the « Limber Dugan » appeared when at the end of maneuvers, all combat troops moved out of the area leaving us bivouacked on the side of one of Tennessee's muddiest mountains with no orders. And there we sat for four weeks.

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CHAPTER III

REFRESHER TRAINING

From our beautiful cow pasture just outside Lebanon, Tennessee we moved to Fort Jackson, S. C. in April 1944 by motor convoy. Our stay at Ft. Jackson was most pleasant - but too temporary. It was here that Bugs Bunny was born. Cpl. Dirmeyer of « D » Battery submitted the design during a contest for a Battalion emblem, winning a warm spot in all our hearts for himself and Bugs.

Once again we were alerted for overseas movement and leaves and furloughs were granted again.

6 June is a noteworthy date in our history. Invasion of Europe, the 639th moved from Ft. Jackson to Ft. Fisher and our present commanding officer, Lt Col. W. A. Cauthen, joined the outfit. The move from Jackson to Fisher was amusing in that the Invasion had caused the population to become troop conscious and we were cheered along the route like conquering heroes - especially when we hit Wilmington.

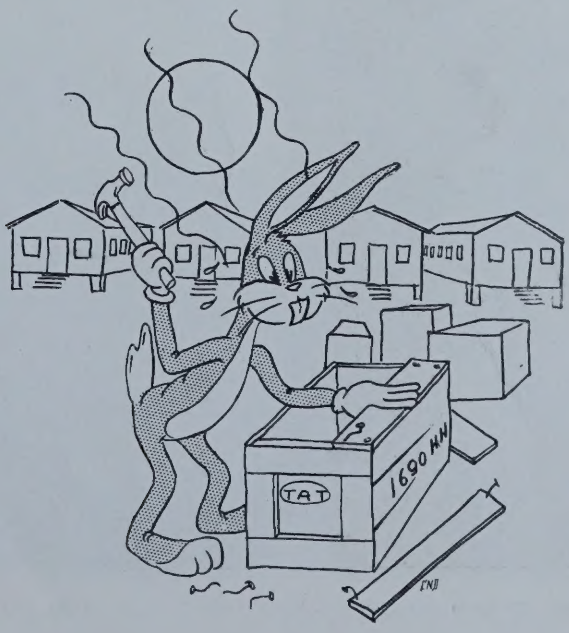
Of course, we couldn't see too much of this since the MPs escorted us through town and into Ft Fisher at about fifty miles per hour.

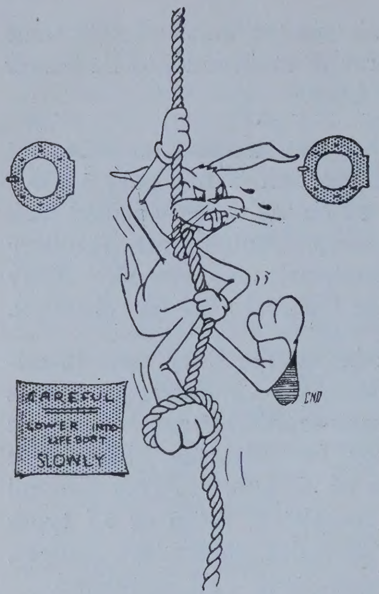
A foretaste of Ft Fisher met us about ten miles out when an Automotive Inspection Team gave us our first inspection. From then on we were swamped with inspectors..... 124th Group, Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center, Antiaircraft Command, Army Ground Forces, Inspector General - we had them all.

Life at Fisher was a bit on the busy side. In addition to all the inspections, the various requirements of Preparation for Overseas Movement had to be cleared up - Preparation for Overseas Movement charts covered the walls of all offices, Army Ground Force tests had to be completed, firing of all types of weapons, throwing grenades, infiltration courses, field tests, showdown inspections - all completed.

The Non-Commissioned Officers will always remember 20 July at Ft Fisher. The post declared an NCO Day and non-commissioned officers took the place of all officers for the entire day. On that same day, the Battalion was scheduled to take its Final Medical Test which included a ten mile hike - so instead of getting the privileges of the Officers Club, our NCO's were busy doing a bang up job of passing the Final Medical Test. Another case of the «Limber».

On 31 July 1944 we moved from Fisher to Camp Davis and started packing equipment for overseas movement. Now it really began to look like this was *not* a dry run. Our packing crews worked night and day making waterproof bags, packing the boxes, stenciling, nailing and banding them and finally loading them on the train. Final proof that this was IT came when we were all restricted to the area.





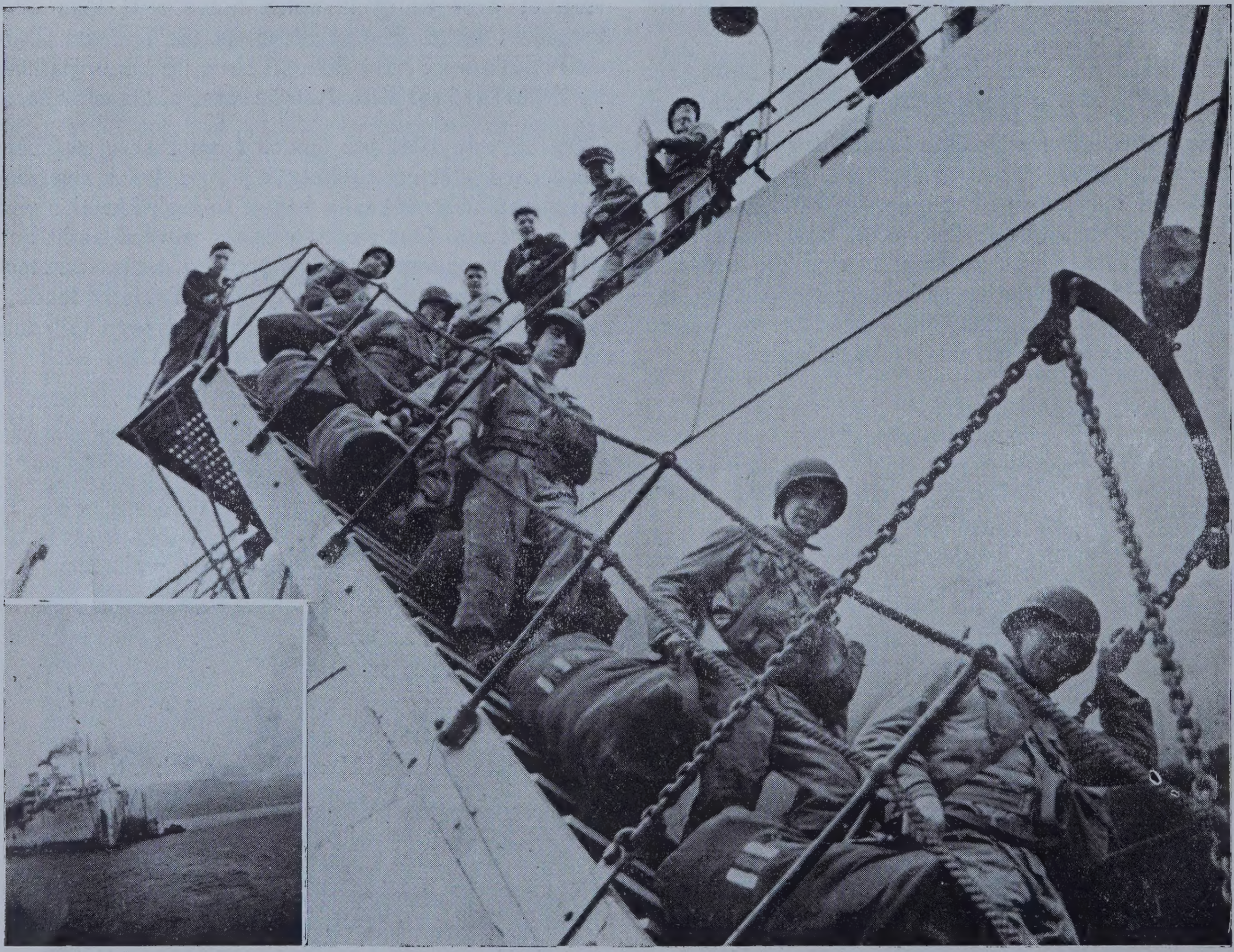
CHAPTER IV

OVERSEAS MOVEMENT

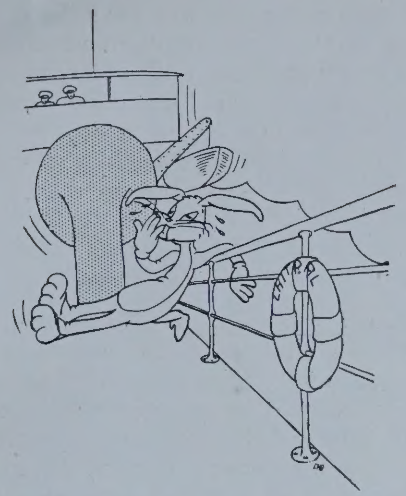
On 22 September we left on two trains, one in the morning and the other at night. From the time the trains got under way it was quite evident that someone was awfully anxious to get us on the way - we broke all records for the trip to Camp Kilmer, N. J.

This impression was intensified every day through the staging period. The usual time for processing troops at Camp Kilmer was ten days to two weeks - we made it in five days. Boat drill, practice loading, shots - seemingly hundreds of them - final showdown inspections and replacement of unserviceable equipment. Camp Kilmer did more with less red tape than any post we ever hit, the chow was good and the recreational facilities splendid. The entire battalion got a twelve hour pass and proceeded to take over New York for the night. Surprisingly enough all of us got back in time for that last train ride.

We boarded the train on 28 September loaded down so heavily that movement was truly work. In addition to full packs, arms and duffel bags, someone « higher up » ordered us to wear woolen underwear, O. D.'s and field jackets and carry overcoats ! It was a hot night even for cottons. The trip on the train was short and we piled off at Jersey City, struggled about five hundred yards to a ferry which took us across the river to the pier. By this time most of us were so hot and tired that we could not take much interest in viewing what little scenery was visible in the black-out and rain. Here we were greeted by an Army Band that « piped us aboard », obviously to give us the



THE SS CHITRAL SPECIALIZED IN FISH DINNERS — BUT THE L. S. T. MESS WAS A. G. I.'s DREAM



added strength necessary to climb the hundreds of steps that confronted us. Our reward for this climbing was doughnuts and coffee by the Red Cross - and never has anything been more welcome.

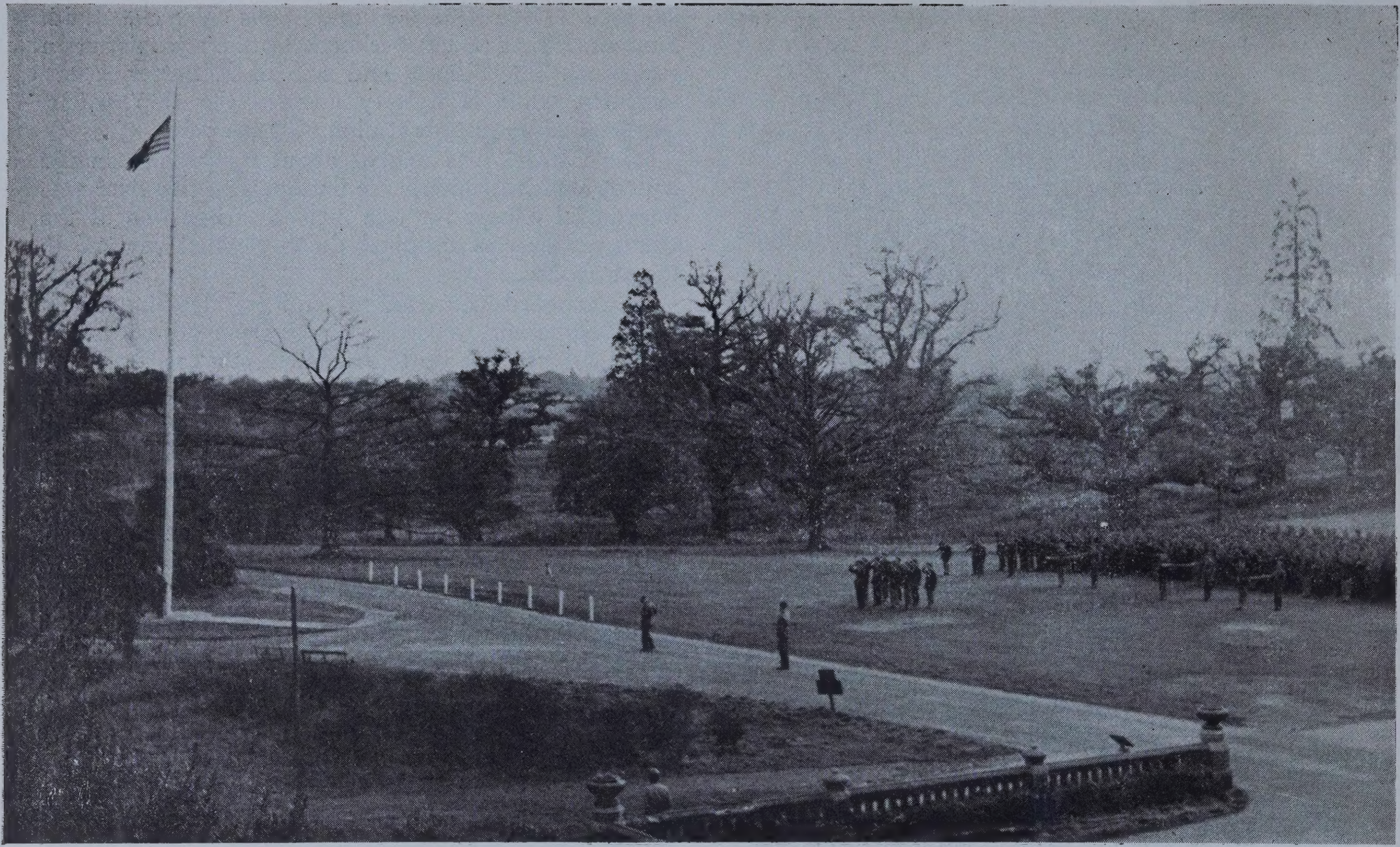
Our ship was the SS Chitral, a British vessel making its maiden run as a troop transport, having formerly been a passenger liner on the Oriental run. The 639th took quite a hand in running the boat. Col. Cauthen was Troop Commander, Lt. Larson was the Adjutant, M/Sgt Deatrick was the Ship Sgt. Major, T/Sgt Bradley and Cpls Walck, Judd, Kurtzer, Fisher and Adler made up the administration personnel. The officers and men of A Battery acted as MPs, while B Battery manned the ship's guns. The rest of us just went along for the ride.

The Chitral was one of about forty ships in the convoy which included one flattop. The trip over was uneventful except for one incident when one of the destroyer escorts dropped depth bombs way off to the starboard.

Life aboard consisted of a little training, boat drill daily, eating, sleeping, reading, playing cards, etc. The food was not up to American standards and we were amazed to find how fond the British are of fish - we had it in some form every meal. None of us gained any weight. Relatively few men got seasick. Sleeping space was limited, but we did not have to sleep in shifts as on some transports.

After twelve days at sea we debarked at Greenoch, Scotland in the mouth of The Clyde below Glascow, and immediately boarded a train for our destination - Aldermaston. We found that those funny looking little trains are fast, that all the kids in England like chewing gum, that there have been few improvements in England's plumbing facilities since 1900, that it is really a pretty country and that the aloofness we had heard so much about is highly exaggerated.

ALDERMASTON COURT HAD CENTURIES-OLD CHARM, AND A BATH FOR EVERY FIFTY ROOMS



TO THE COLORS

CHAPTER V

ALDERMASTON

Aldermaston Court was once a lovely old country estate and we had the place to ourselves. An Air Corps unit had formerly occupied the place and its facilities were quite adequate and comfortable.

The old Army game of hurry up and wait once more overtook us. We had been rushed from Camp Davis, North Carolina to Aldermaston, England and when we arrived we had no equipment. Training consisted of hikes, obstacle courses, infantry drill, infantry tactics and basic subjects such as first aid, map reading, etc. The rest of the working day was spent in making the post as comfortable and pretty as possible and a period of athletics.

Few of us will forget the day on which we raised the flag with a simple and impressive ceremony..

During the athletic periods an intense inter-battery rivalry developed in softball, touch football and volleyball. Those not participating were vociferous supporters of the competing teams. It is also rumored that beaucoup money changed hands on frequent occasions.

Recreation while at Aldermaston was about all one could ask. We had our own Special Service building in which dances, movies and various other entertainments were held. Each Battery tried to outshine the others on its dance. Partners were plentiful - all that had to be done was announce the dance, with food, and they flocked over. Movies were held several times a week. The ladies of Aldermaston came up to camp and did odd jobs of sewing for us once or twice a week. We had our own beer hall, our own PX and life on the post was rather pleasant.

Off the post Six Three Niners could be found in Aldermaston, Reading, Burfield (with its 1,500 Irish girls!), Basingstoke and of course, London. All men went to London for three day passes. Memories of London are varied : high prices, Picadilly commandos, Westminister Abbey, St Pauls, V-1s and V-2s, ten o'clock closing of pubs, the Windmill, Rainbow Corner, Hyde Park, fog, rain and the blackest blackout, and of course the Tube.

Numbers of us visited in various homes nearby where we found hospitality to equal anything we have experienced.

THERE WERE GIRLS GALORE

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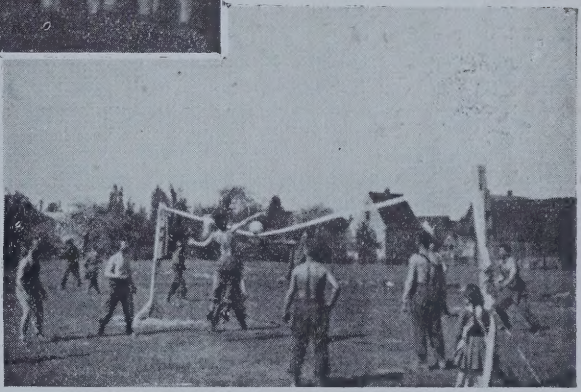


EVERYONE GOT ATHLETIC

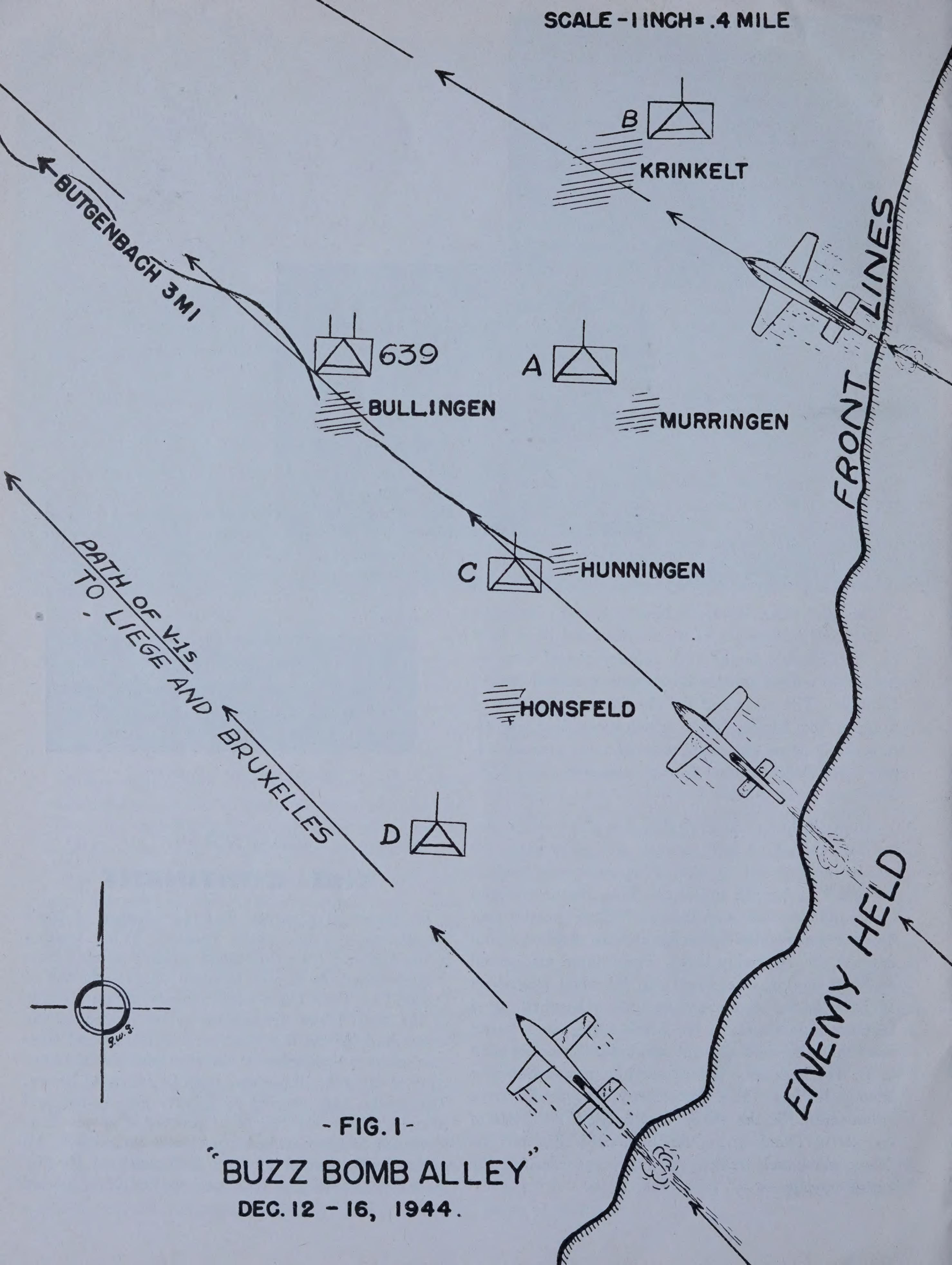
The local vicar, Reverend Newham, was a frequent visitor, and attendance at his services and those held by the Chaplain in the 11th century chapel were so large that almost half the chapel was reserved for the Battalion. The vicar and the chaplain also conducted tours of The Manor House which were most interesting. Most of us obtained from the vicar a small history of Aldermaston Court prepared by Mrs. Newham.

All in all, life at Aldermaston was pleasant. Sooner or later though, it had to end, and once again we started moving off to war. Our equipment arrived and had to be put in shape. This meant working night and day for several days. When the job was finished we traveled by motor convoy to Hurley and entered the Assembly Area. From there we moved to Southampton where half the Battalion loaded on LSTs with the equipment and the other half on a Liberty ship. Those on the LSTs fared much better than the other and did not mind the three day wait in Le Havre harbor before moving up the Seine to Rouen. In fact, there were many who would have volunteered for the Navy at this time. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner aboard ship and the Navy personnel treated us like kings during the entire voyage.

CHAPTER VI

THE CONTINENT

Le Havre gave us our first real glimpse of war's devastation - it was really smashed. While waiting in the harbor a little excitement resulted when a mine was exploded about four hundred yards from one of our LSTs - it felt like a hugh hammer hitting the side of the boat. More devastation as we moved up the river. And for the first time we saw abandoned German military equipment, it literally lined the southern bank of the river all the way from Le Havre to Rouen. Those who had traveled by Liberty ship bivouacked near Le Havre, the rest of us proceeded up the river to Rouen and bivouacked in a transit camp there. All of us finally wound up in a field north of Pavilly. Here we pitched pup tents and existed for a period



- FIG. 1 -

"BUZZ BOMB ALLEY"

DEC. 12 - 16, 1944.

of ten days - ten days of constant rain, mud and cold. It was as unpleasant as anything we had endured.

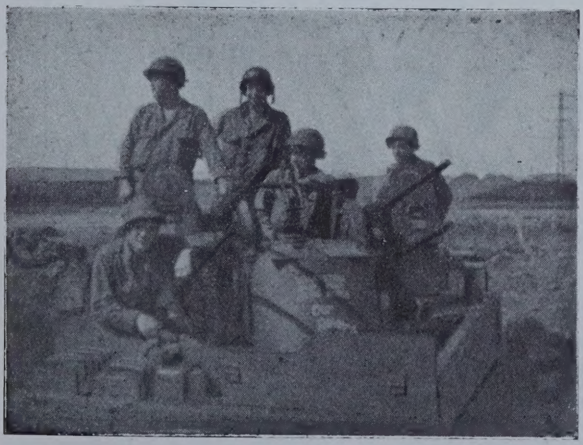
Our combat assignment finally came in. We were assigned to First Army, attached to V Corps and further attached to the 99th Division which was in the vicinity of Butgenbach, Belgium. The Advance Party, consisting of the Commanding Officer, S-3, and the battery commander's parties left for Butgenbach, the rest of the Battalion to follow when road clearance was received. We were promised twenty-four hours notice for this clearance, but as usual something went snafu, and we got two hours notice to hit an Initial Point in Pavilly, some ten miles away. We missed it by twenty minutes and were on our way to combat.

The first day's travels took us through Amiens, Cambraix, Valenciennes and into Mons, Belgium. We bivouacked just outside this city and received our first change in route. It was here that we first met the Belgians whom we found to be exceedingly friendly and nice to us.

On the next day we traveled through Charleroi, Namur and Huy, where Col. Cauthen met us with another change in route and assignment. We were now attached, not to the 99th Division, but to the 11th AAA Group (Magpie) for duty in the « Diver Belt » east of Bullingen, Belgium. This was a defense consisting of both gun and automatic weapon battalions for the purpose of shooting down V-1s headed for Liege. The belt extended north to south along a line from one to three miles behind the front lines.

Our next day's travel took us through Aywaille to Theux where we pulled off the road and tried to get some sleep in the pouring rain. No pup tents were pitched that night !

In the morning we pulled into Spa to await further road clearance and then moved through Malmedy and Butgenbach to Bullingen, where we once again pulled off the road and spent the night, moving into our initial combat positions the following morning, 12 December 1944.



THE M-51 WAS EFFECTIVE AGAINST V-1's

A Battery set up in the vicinity of Murringen, B Battery near Krinkelt, C Battery near Hunningen and D Battery near Honsfeld. Battalion headquarters was located in Bullingen. See Figure 1.

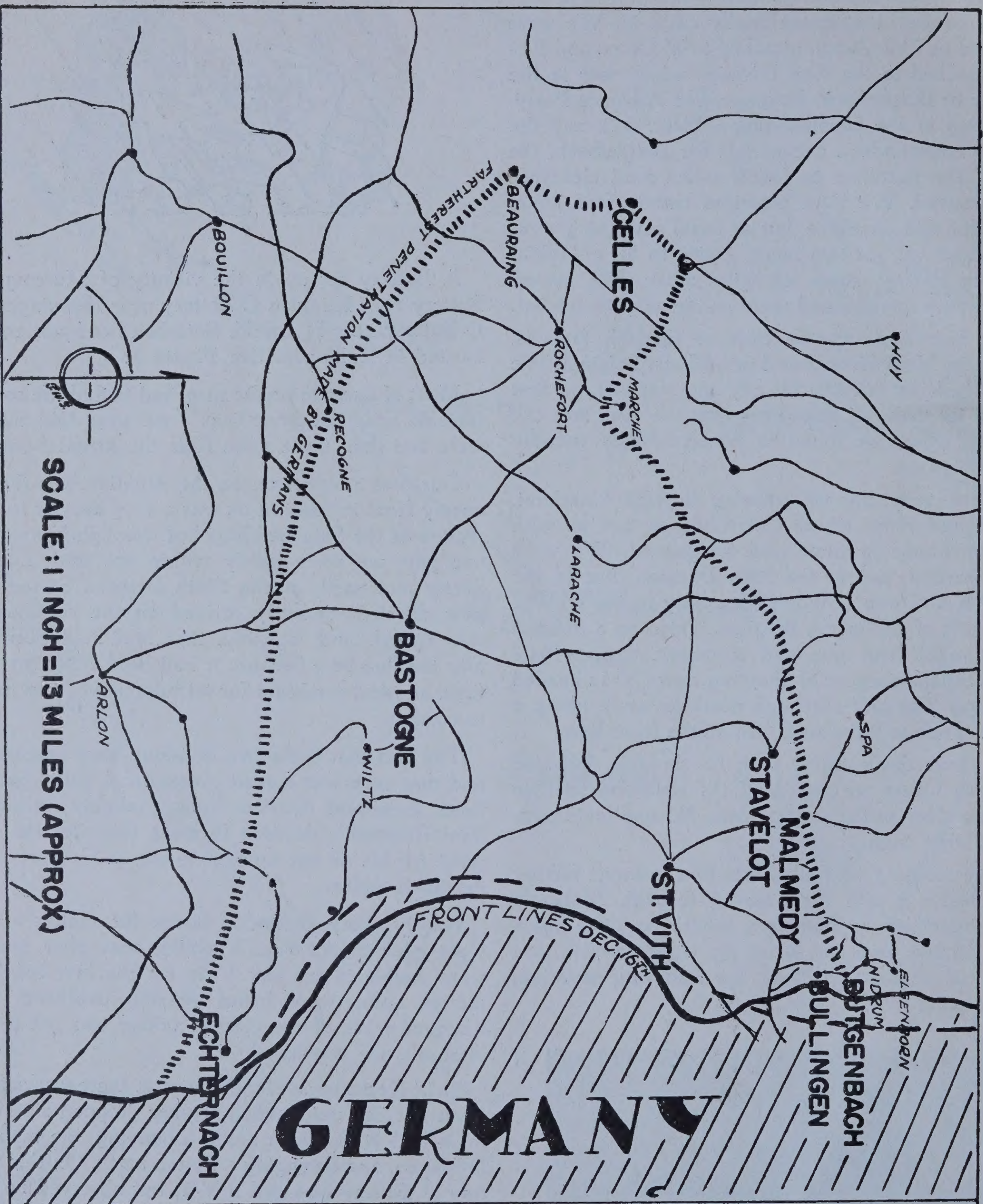
Most of us were rather surprised to find life so comfortable near the front lines - we were told that we were less than three miles from the actual front.

Our first information on the situation was that the enemy front in front of us was a very heavily fortified section of the Seigfried Line but was lightly held. For our part we were partly within the 99th Division Sector and partly in the 106th Division Sector, both new divisions recently arrived on the continent. It was hinted, and logically, that both had been sent into the line here because it had been quiet for some time, an ideal condition for introduction of new troops to combat.

The fact that these two divisions were unseasoned, and that each was spread over a front more than five times a normal division front probably influenced Von Runstedt's decision to make this area the focal point for his all-out attempt to rescue Germany from inevitable defeat.

Nearly everyone had a house for shelter - some were even sumptuous. Visibility was poor and we were unable to see any V-1s for the first few days though some were heard passing overhead. This « rugged » life of the combat soldier was not so bad after all, we concluded.

On 14 December we found out that there was actually a war on. An unidentified bomber dropped six bombs in A and B Batteries areas, wounding one man Pvt DiNanno, and damaging a $2\frac{1}{2}$-ton truck. On this same day D Battery engaged a V-1, but observed no hits. Their flight was deceptive, they looked like they were barely moving and very close in - whereas they were moving better than two hundred miles per hour and the range was usually much greater than it appeared. After awhile the men on the guns got on to them and started getting hits, much to the chagrin of the Field Artillery outfits in the area, who did not like them falling in the vicinity. So far no enemy artillery fire or ground action.



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THE BULGE

DEC. 12 TO 16 ANTI-BUZZ BOMB
DEC. 16 TO 26 AS INFANTRY AND ANTI-TANK

CHAPTER VII

THE BULGE

All of us were up rather early on 16 December. At about 0530 we got our first taste of the famed 88, plus some much larger stuff. There was laughing and joking about the whole matter - the Germans were licked, they were just tired of taking all the stuff we had been throwing at them and wanted to show us they had a few guns left. But it couldn't possibly amount to anything. No - just the start of Von Runstedt's Ardennes Counter-offensive.

Shelling continued with an increasing tempo all that day. We shot down six V-bombs. Things continued to get hot all day and at 2200 we received orders to withdraw and report to the 99th Division at Butgenbach, to whom we were to be attached. It looked like a Big Show by then. A Battery went to Camp Elsenborn, B Battery to Butgenbach, C and D Batteries to a point about four miles west of Butgenbach on the road to Malmedy. Headquarters moved to Butgenbach.

Losses of equipment during the move were rather heavy, due to heavy shelling, equipment frozen in position and shortage of trucks. A total of three 40mm guns, eleven M-51s and one $2\frac{1}{2}$-ton truck were lost. In addition to this there was a great deal of personal equipment of both officers and enlisted men left behind because of the shortage of trucks. Pvt. Fazzone of D Battery was wounded on this day.

At 0715 on the 17th the outfit went into emergency anti-tank positions assigned by the 99th Division. A Battery to cover the BUTGENBACH-ELSENBORN road and the dam from the high ground north of BUTGENBACH. B Battery, using only its 40s formed road blocks between BUTGENBACH and DOM BUTGENBACH, covering the approach

WE LOST SOME OF OUR CIGARETTES TO THE JERRIES

AND SOME OF OUR EQUIPMENT, TOO

The panzers broke through the thinly held lines in a surprise armored assault through the Ardennes. Liège was the prize

If Von Runstedt had Butgenbach, he had clear sailing for the encirclement of the American First Army

The Germans were flushed with their initial success and the road net was almost in their control

But little isolated units of ack ack were stubborn

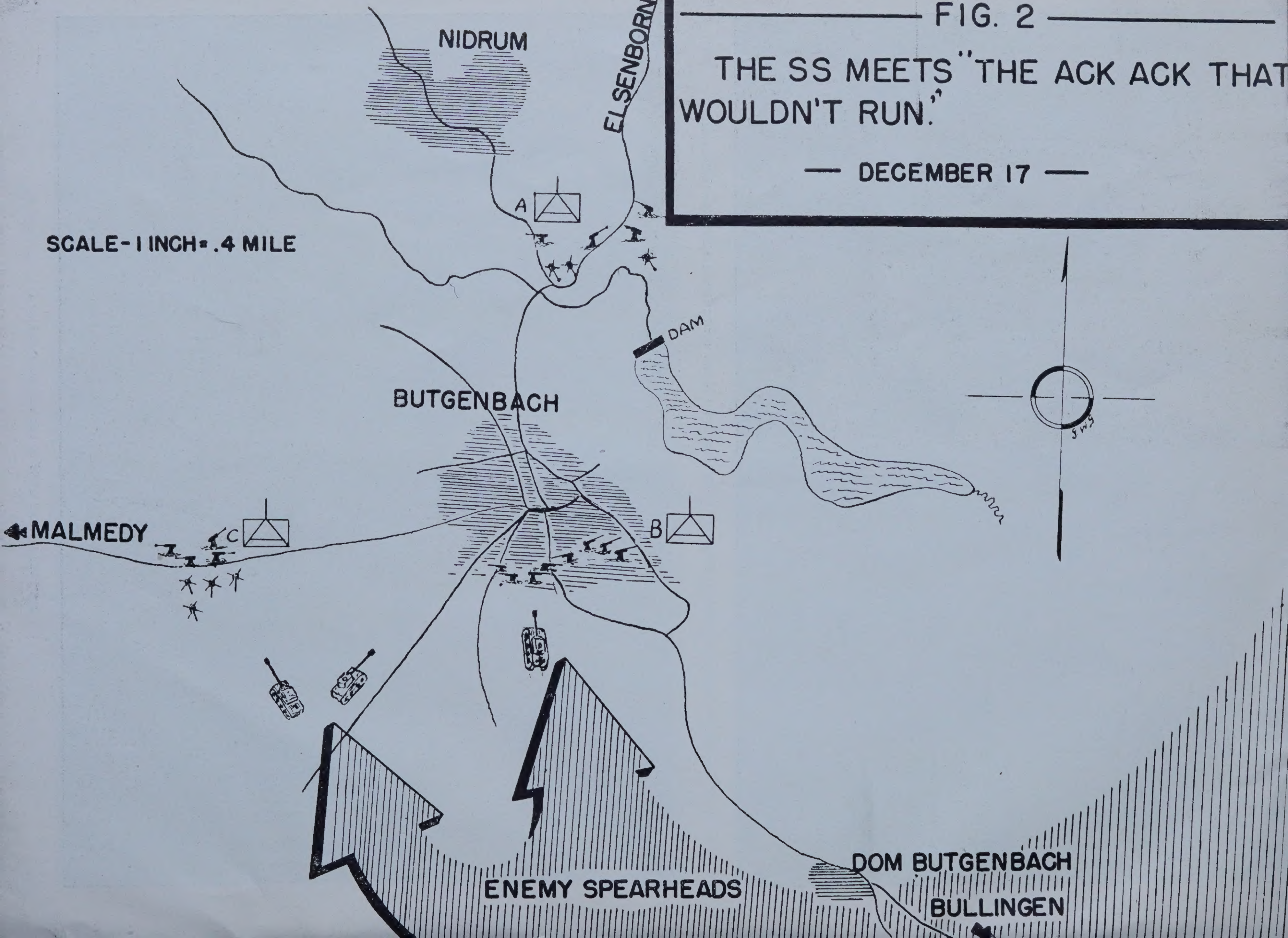


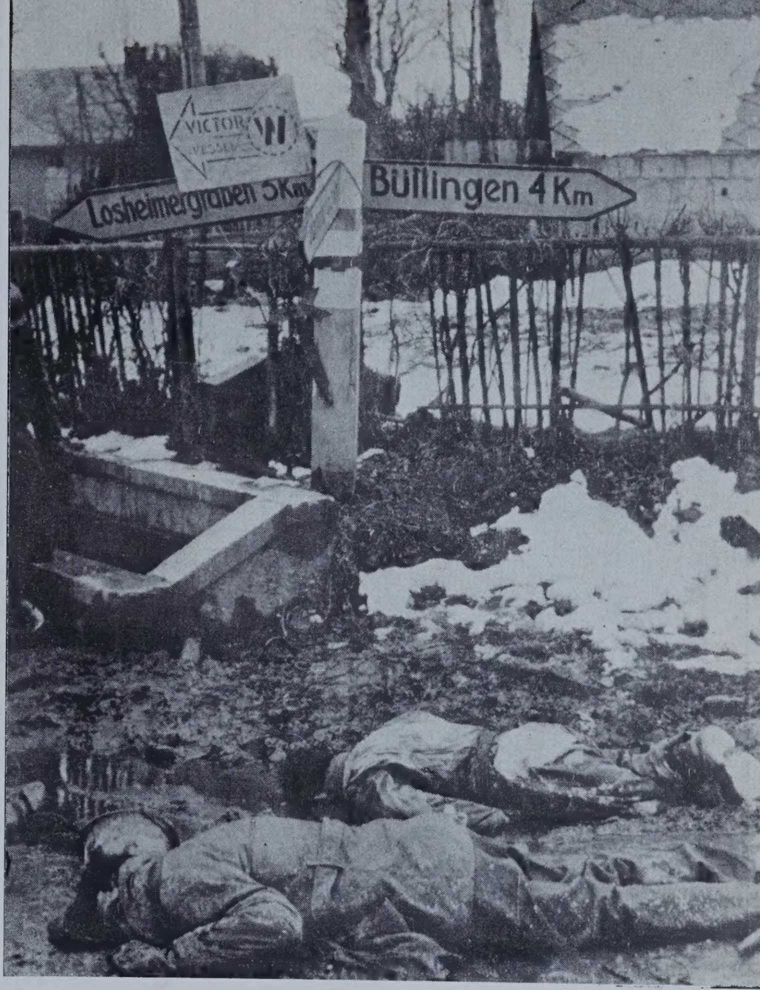
FIG. 2

THE SS MEETS "THE ACK ACK THAT WOULDN'T RUN."

— DECEMBER 17 —

from the southeast. C Battery, using only its 40s, covered the road leading out of BUTGENBACH toward MALMEDY. D Battery located about four miles east of MALMEDY covered the approach to that town from BUTGENBACH. Headquarters set up the Battalion rear in the vicinity of MALMEDY with D Battery. The forward CP was established about 1500 yards west of BUTGENBACH. Lt Watts and a convoy of five M-51s of B Battery were ambushed by German tanks west of BUTGENBACH and all five guns were lost, though the trucks and men were saved.

Beginning about 0830, the exodus of troops from Butgenbach and from out in front of Butgenbach became apparent - the roads leading back into town were crowded with vehicles of all kinds moving west, and traffic within the town was so snarled that MPs were scarcely able to keep it moving. About 0830 the Division CP moved out - where, we were not quite sure.

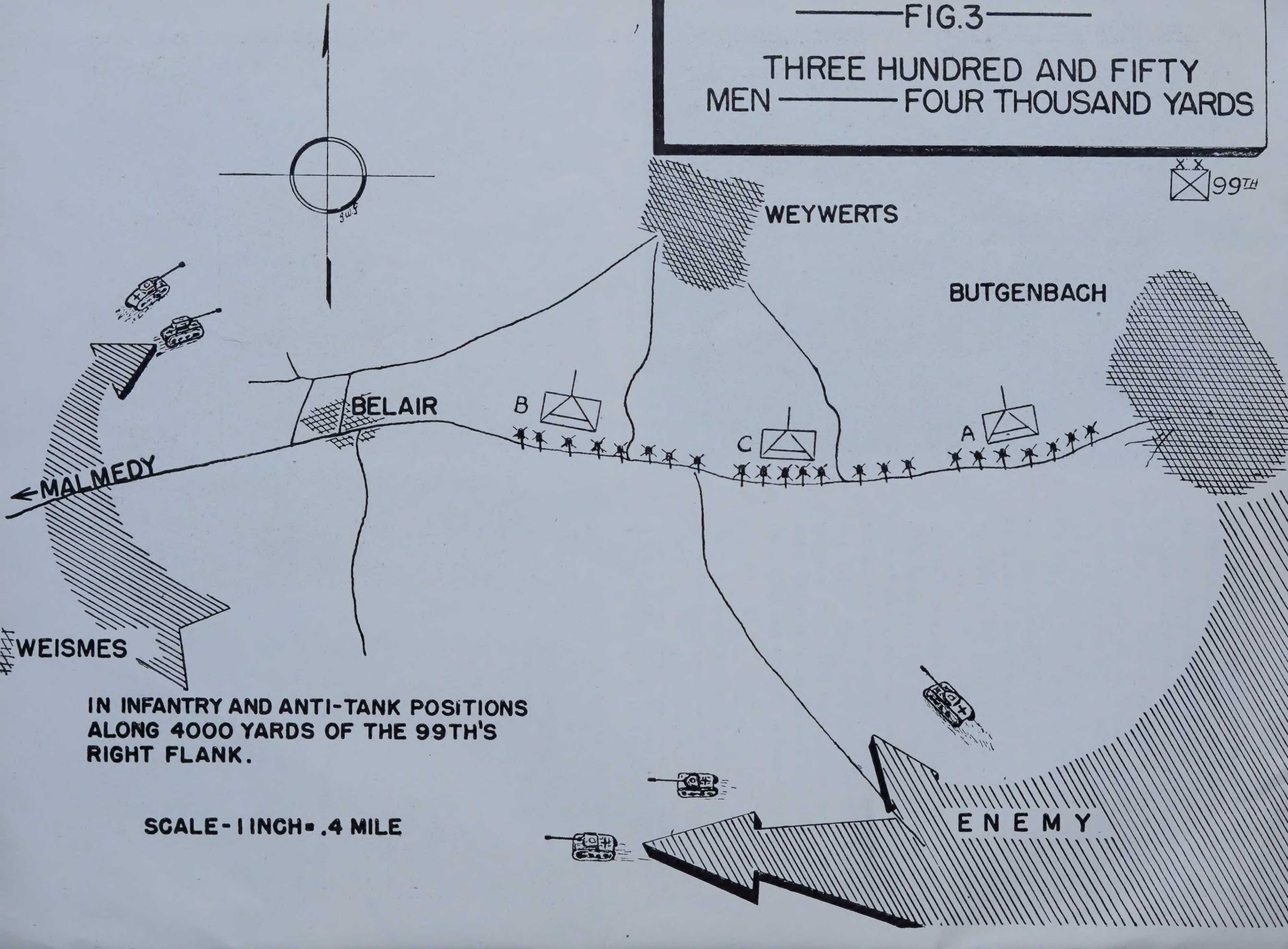


THE AMERICANS EXCHANGED LIVES FOR TIME

THE 99th SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES WHEN THEY BUNCHED UP AT ELSENBORN

FIG.3

THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEN —— FOUR THOUSAND YARDS



IN INFANTRY AND ANTI-TANK POSITIONS ALONG 4000 YARDS OF THE 99TH'S RIGHT FLANK.

By 1030, Quartermaster Truck Companies began moving stores of food, gasoline and other supplies out of the town. Traffic through town from east to west slowed to a mere trickle by 1300, and though we had not seen any enemy troops, reports came to us that tanks were in Bullingen, three mils away, artillery was landing in and near town and we could hear the rumble of tanks over the ridge to the southeast.

At about 1330, 99th Division was contacted at Camp Elsenborn and we received a new mission - to protect the right flank of the Division, holding a 4000 yard front along the BUTGENBACH-MALMEDY road and the battalion was redeployed as shown in Figure 3. Here it was decided to hold at all costs and to consider no further withdrawal. In the meantime D Battery and the M-51s of B and C Batteries had been impressed into service along with the 110th AAA Gun Battalion in the ground defenses of SPA, Headquarters of First Army.

We had little contact with D Battery during the first two weeks of the Ardennes, and it was not until they rejoined us in January that we got the full story of the heavy fighting they went through around SPA, STAVELOT and STOUMOUNT STATION.

It was in this sector that the spearheads of Runstedt's armor struck north toward Leige with its greatest vehemence. Repeated tank and infantry attempts to break out of The Bulge in a flanking action against Leige were halted by the 82nd Airborne and 30th Divisions. High tribute was paid to D Battery by the C.G. 30th Division for its support in throttling the last death throes of the Wehrmacht's advance into the Ardennes.

THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND HAD SAVED THEIR CRACK TROOPS FOR THIS THRUST

ON THE 18th SUPPORT BEGAN TO COME UP

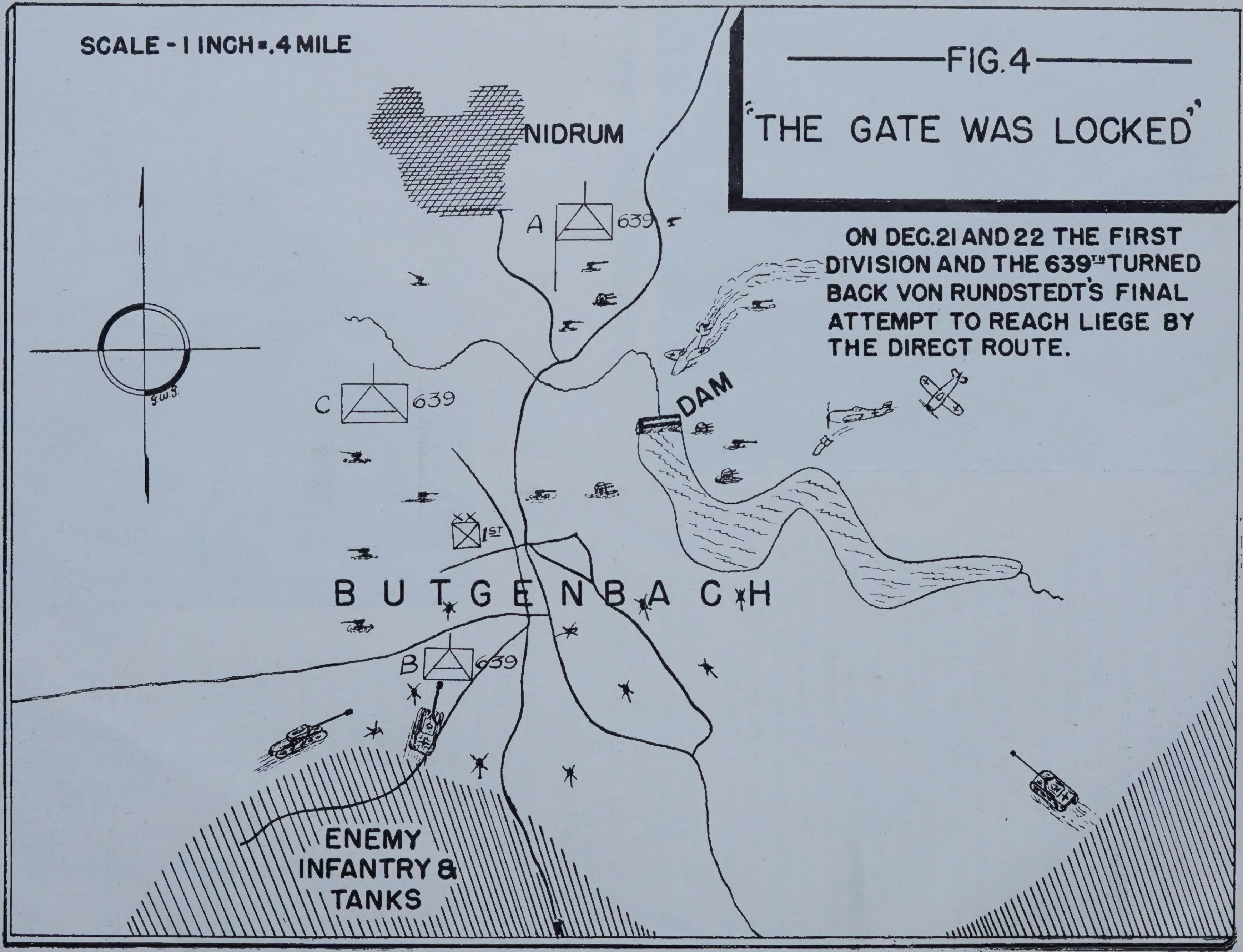


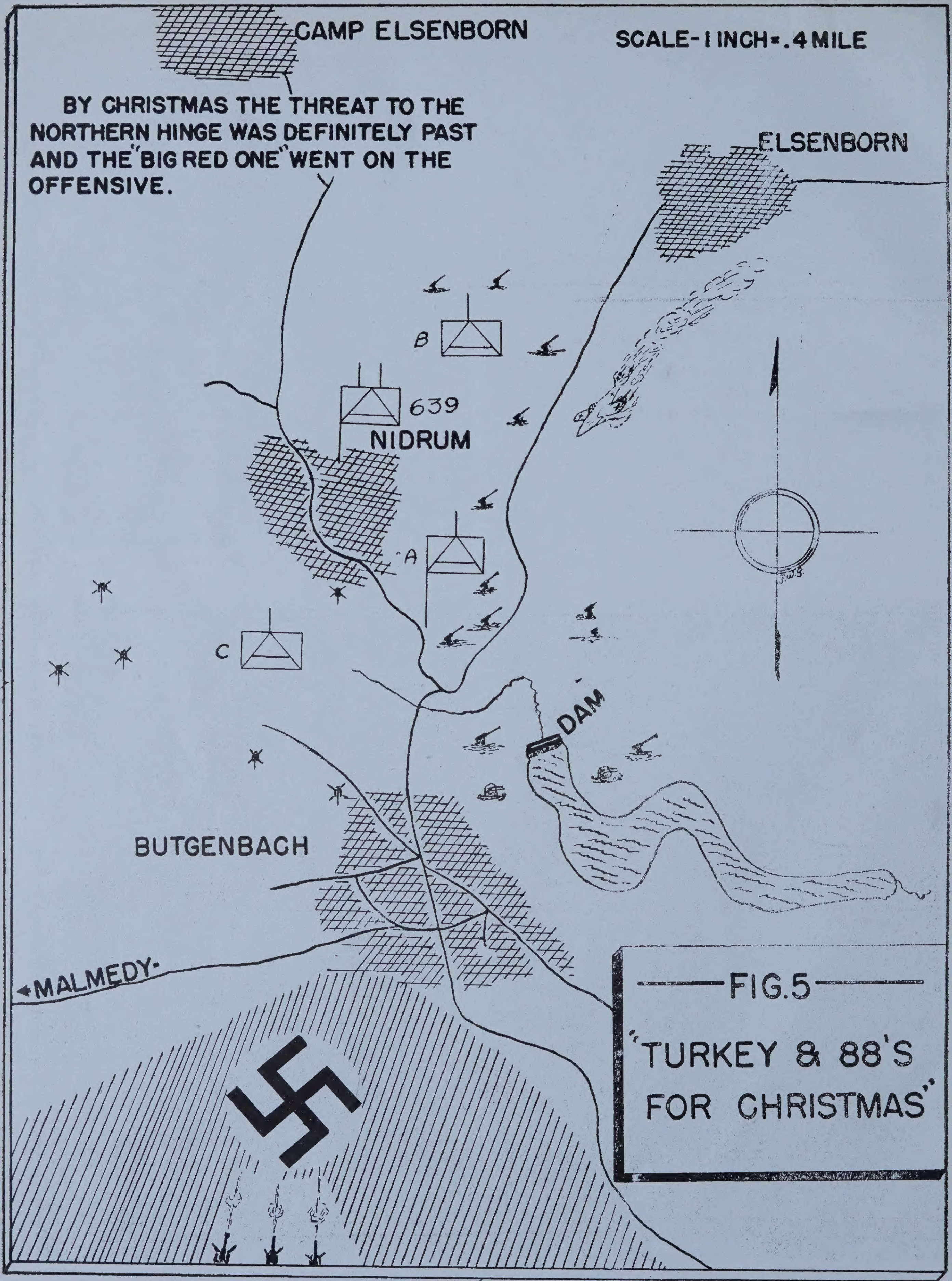
FIG.4

"THE GATE WAS LOCKED"

ON DEC.21 AND 22 THE FIRST DIVISION AND THE 639TH TURNED BACK VON RUNDSTEDT'S FINAL ATTEMPT TO REACH LIEGE BY THE DIRECT ROUTE.

THE FIGHTING WAS CLOSE QUARTERED AND BITTER

THE FIRST DUG IN AROUND BUTGENBACH AS SHELLS BURST IN THE TOWN



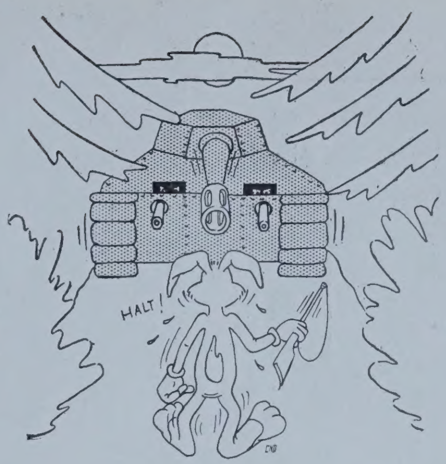
BY CHRISTMAS THE THREAT TO THE NORTHERN HINGE WAS DEFINITELY PAST AND THE "BIG RED ONE" WENT ON THE OFFENSIVE.

FIG. 5

"TURKEY & 88'S FOR CHRISTMAS"

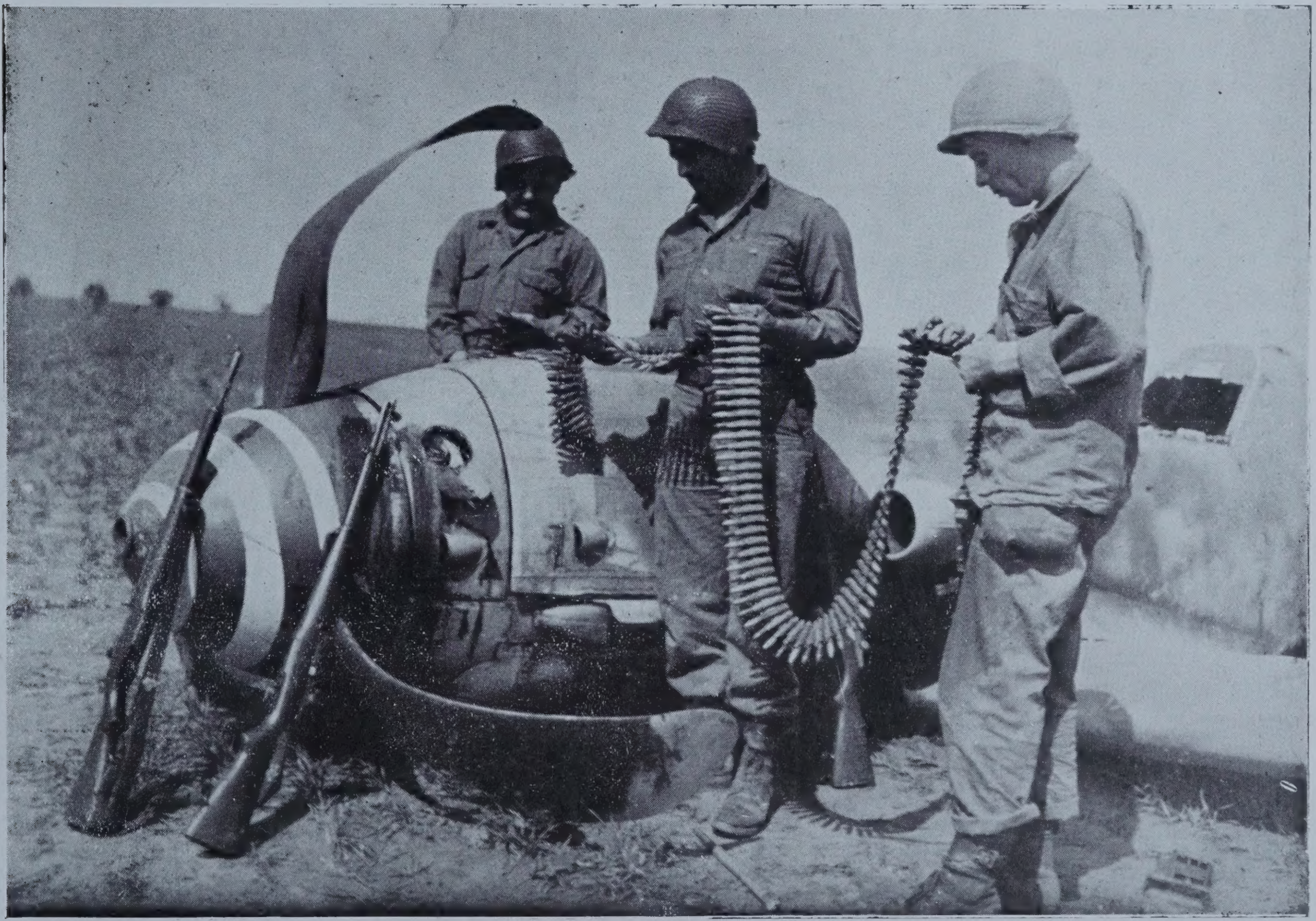
Still no action other than artillery - which was plenty ! It was later reported that German tanks entering the area and finding 40mm Antiaircraft guns in anti-tank positions decided that there must have been an impregnable defense in depth and decided to look for a more lightly held spot farther west for their breakthrough. It is doubtful that there was a more lightly held line along the entire front of the Bulge.

We supplied ourselves from abandoned supply dumps in the area. There were no casualties and no loss of equipment on this day.



The forward CP was established in ELSENBORN on the 18th. Enemy artillery fire continued during the day. In the middle of the afternoon elements of the First Division sent in to relieve the 99th, put foot troops out in front of our positions. They expressed genuine surprise to see 40mm guns as the only defense, and immediately dubbed us « the Ack Ack who wouldn't run ». Our defense was co-ordinated with theirs and we continued to work very closely with this topflight, seasoned outfit for the remainder of our stay in the Bulge. We will always have a warm spot in our hearts for the fighting First - the Big Red One. Pfc Montanaro of B Battery was wounded and one 2½-ton truck was damaged by shrapnel.

A new assignment was given us on the 19th. We came under control of the 18th Antiaircraft Artillery Group and were given the mission of Antiaircraft



WE STOPPED TAKING IT AND STARTED DISHING IT OUT WHEN A BATTERY BAGGED AN ME 109

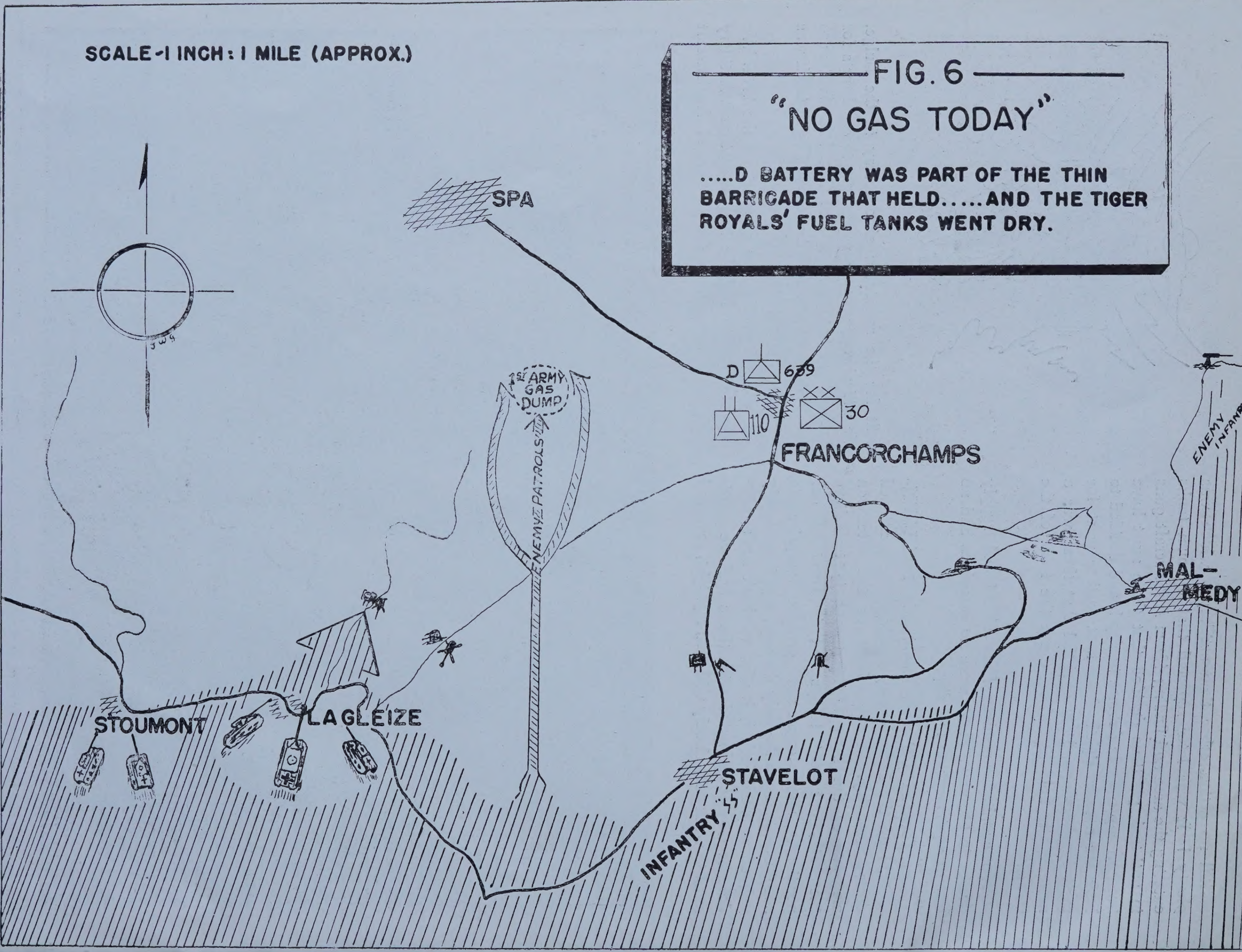


FIG. 6

"NO GAS TODAY"

.....D BATTERY WAS PART OF THE THIN BARRICADE THAT HELD.....AND THE TIGER ROYALS' FUEL TANKS WENT DRY.

THE MARK V'S FOUND TOUGH GOING

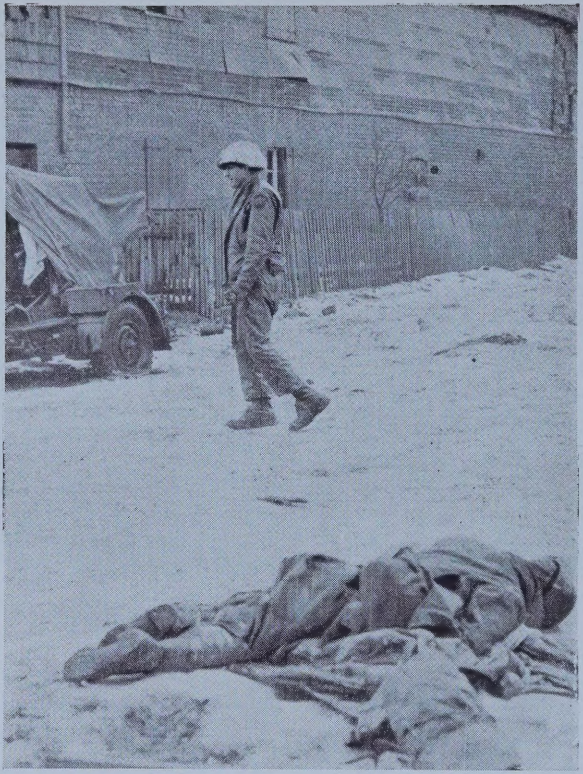
protection of the BUTGENBACH DAM with a secondary mission of anti-tank defense of roads entering BUTGENBACH on the Southeast, West and North. A, B and C Batteries were deployed as shown in Figure 4. D Battery continued attached to the 30th Division in the vicinity of SPA maintaining road blocks. For the first time since the battle began all elements of the battalion were behind the infantry - so a lesson we learned in our first problem on maneuvers had been most useful. The cold, snow and rain began to take their toll in non-battle casualties - almost everyone had been without sleep and continuously on the firing line since the morning of 16 December. We continued to coordinate our positions with the 26th. Infantry Regiment and obtained our only intelligence from them. On this day we had one battle casualty, Tec 5 Flynn of A Battery. Another truck was damaged. However, we also drew blood, A Battery shot down an ME 109 from a flight of nine which tried to bomb the dam. The flight broke before reaching the target, but one ventured too close. C Battery engaged three FW 190s at extreme range and caused them to veer off.

The enemy ground action became increasingly intense on the 20th. It was impossible for the wire crews to keep the lines in, they were blown out as fast as repaired. However, all wire crews worked at the job the clock around. Word was received that tanks and infantry had penetrated some forward positions of the 26th Infantry a thousand or so yards in front of our positions. Our first fatality occured on the 20th when Pvt. Charles J. Wloch of C Battery was killed in a tank battle near SPA. Pvt. Edward S. Socha was seriously wounded and as a result died of these injuries on 23 December. Pfc. Peroni of A Battery was also wounded.

Battle fatigue and cold continued to exact a toll of non-battle casualties. We had our first rocket barrage today. It was not pleasant.

Von Runstedt's boys redoubled their efforts early on the 21st. Captured documents later proved that we sat astride the very route that had been intended for the main effort. The dogged tenacity of outnumbered troops against tremendous odds thwarted this effort and the enemy was forced to try for his breakthrough farther west. Tanks and infantry of the 25th Panzer Grenadier Regiment, supported by intense artillery fire, made repeated thrusts from the south but failed to make an appreciable penetration into the 1st Division's forward line, and retired in the middle of the afternoon to lick their wounds and count heavy casualties. Capt. Rooney and Lt. Wasserman of C Battery were both wounded in this action. Pvt. Kisylia of A Battery also was evacuated as a battle casualty. Meanwhile D Battery had received a new mission and had moved to the STAVELOT area, continuing in their anti-tank role. Pvts. Gonzales and Courtney of D Battery were wounded on this day. We also lost three $2\frac{1}{2}$-ton trucks and one M-51 as a result of artillery. Non-battle casualties from fatigue and exposure continued to appear.

On the 22nd, the 26th Panzer Grenadier took up where the 25th left off the day before. This was WAR - the doughboy kind - and it was to be our worst day, past or future. At 0500, with artillery preparation much heavier than the day before. this time it was the 26th Panzer which struck - with more and bigger tanks, closely supported by Panzer infantry. Behind the rolling artillery barrage both tanks and in-



WE TIED IN WITH THE 2nd DIVISION DOUGHS IN BERG

fantry succeeded in getting into BUTGENBACH. See Figure 5.

Tiger Royals overran three of B Battery's gun positions - 40mm guns are, we learned, too light for Tiger Royals. The crews of these guns found them-selves completely surrounded and, joining a group from K Company of the 26th Infantry, fought their way out of the back of the pocket to their Battery CP. Two of the guns were later recovered under heavy artillery and mortar fire, after removing enemy-installed booby traps, but the other had been destroyed by friendly Tank Destroyer fire. During the early afternoon the B Battery CP had a sharp engagement with an enemy infantry platoon which got to within one hundred yards of their building. But Capt. Shaeffer and his men were a hard nut to crack and the patrol finally withdrew, leaving many of their « Kamerads » in the woods around the CP.

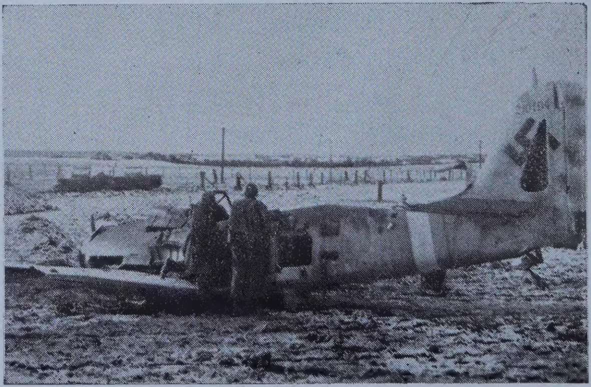
What we were experiencing was multiplied many times among the troops of our own 26th Infantry. Losses on both sides were heavy, but late afternoon found the 26th Panzer a beaten regiment, and after eleven and one-half hours of tank-to-tank and hand-to-hand battle, they retired with a report for Runstedt that BUTGENBACH was strongly held by American forces. No other attack in force was launched against the town.

Because of heavier artillery and the ground fighting. our losses today were considerably higher. Pfc. Ario R. Gould of B Battery was wounded very seriously and later died as a result of his wounds. Others wounded were : Sgt. Ray, Tec 5 Keen, Pfc Feltri, Pfc Genevese, Pfc Graham, Pfc Holly, Pvt Ballard, and Pvt Amico, all of B Battery ; Pvt Kempt of C Battery ; and S/Sgt Muzzillo of Headquarters Battery. Two men were listed as missing in action : Pfcs. Russel C. Bennett and Fielden L. Mayfield of B Battery. Both were later recaptured in hospitals east of the Rhine Battalion forward CP moved from ELSENBORN to NIDRUM.

The rear echelon of battalion headquarters was established at JALHAY on the 23rd and our mission was changed to Antiaircraft protection of the BUTGENBACH DAM, thus taking all elements of the battalion except D Battery out of front line contact with the enemy for the first time since the 17th. The roads were under blistering artillery fire and during the day one man was killed, and three wounded. Pvt. Charles T. Mechler of C Battery was killed, and Sgt. Krape of A Battery and Pvts Colward and Marullo of C Battery wounded. To make the situation worse, A Battery was bombed by planes definitely recognized as our own. D Battery reported another ME 109 shot down below SPA.

The quitest day so far was the 24th. There was only sporadic artillery fire which damaged one $2\frac{1}{2}$-ton truck. There were no casualties. Christmas Eve found all of us filled with thanksgiving that we had come through so much with comparatively few losses and thankful for the relative quiet that prevailed.

Christmas Day was clear and cold and we welcomed the sight of flight after flight of our bombers on



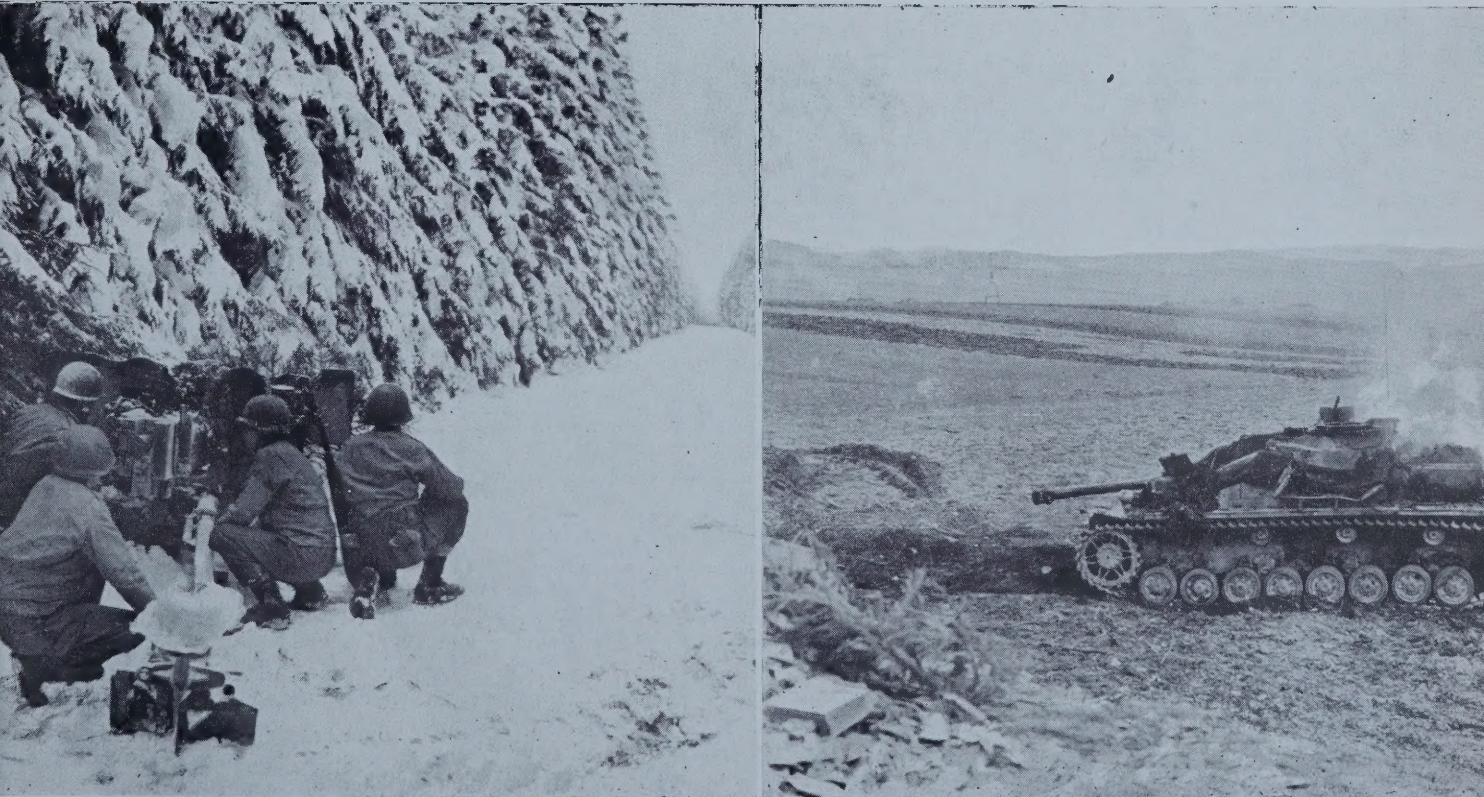
D BATTERY WAS HAVING GOOD HUNTING NEAR SPA

THE SNOW AND COLD WERE ENEMIES, TOO

BUT WE COULD MANAGE AN OCCASIONAL GRIN

their way into Germany. About noon two FW 190s circled the area and one was shot down in flames by A and B Batteries. Attempting to obtain a piece of the plane to support his claim Lt. Watts of B Battery was wounded when an explosion occured at the crashed plane. Thanks went to the Service Troops for the turkey dinner we had, although some of us had to eat it more or less on the run. Our best Christmas present was word that we would move to a rest area the next day.

On the way to HERBESTHAL, which was to be our rest spot, elements of the battalion were bombed



THE FIRST HAD SOME ANTI-TANK GUNS AND THEY PROVED MORE EFFECTIVE AGAINST ARMOR THAN THE FORTIES while passing through EUPEN, though there were no casualties or damage.

At HERBESTHAL we billetted in a series of apartment houses and had something that approached garrison life. Our very short stay there was spent in getting the materiel in shape to re-enter combat. D Battery was now in the vicinity of STAVELOT still with the 30th Division. On the 26th their Second Platoon CP was bombed, strafed and destroyed. Lt. Kenny and Tec 5 Vuoncino were both wounded by shrapnel.

In our « rest » area, we had one slight casualty on the 27th. Pfc Brine of B Battery was hit by an almost expended. 50caliber bullet, presumably fired by friendly ack-ack during an air raid. We received a new mission and moved to VERVIERS on the 28th.

Only D Battery remained in the Battle of the Bulge. They continued to fight an active war around STAVELOT, later LA GLEIZE and then back to STAVELOT on the 16th of January. They joined the rest of the battalion the 24th.

The Bulge will always remain in our minds as the high point in the battalion's history - for it was here that we proved to ourselves and higher headquarters, including First Army, that we could hold our own with the best fighting units they had. Green troops, insofar as actual combat was concerned, yet when the showdown came, the outfit did such a wonderful job in staving off all that the Germans could throw that we won praise and commendations from many different sources. We are proudest of the commendation received from the First Division. We could now call ourselves « veterans ».

Each man in the outfit will have his own memories of certain incidents that happened during this campaign. Naturally is is impossible to include them all in an account of this kind. However, we will mention a few, so that they many stimulate the memory of others.

Men in the forward echelon of Battalion CP will remember Christmas Eve at NIDRUM when somebody's bottle was dug up and there was enough for each man to have a drink, sipped beside our pitiful but proud Chritsmas Tree, conjuring up thoughts of other Christmases to come. Those in Battalion Rear probably remember more vividly the « hell that was CAMP ELSENBORN », under constant artillery fire during the whole time spent there. A Battery men will recall such things as the bombing of their positions by Marauders, the bombing by Jerry on the way back to a « rest area ». B Battery will more likely recall 22 December and other incidents similar to the time they were filtering back to new positions and stopped in the « quiet » spot of NIDRUM, where they lost a truck to artillery fire. Perhaps C Battery will remember longest the night of the 21st when the Germans threw everything they had to keep them from pulling out to new positions for the big day of 22 December. Or the time shrapnel went through the auto loader of a 40 as though it were butter. D Battery may remember the time they were bombed by our own planes near MALMEDY or the time the Second Platoon CP was blown to smithereens. Yes, there are many memories of those days for all of us. Some humorous, some tragic, some sheer horror, but they all add up to make us proud of the outfit and every man in it.

BY CHRISTMAS THE FIRST HAD THE BUTGENBACH HINGE SECURE

CHAPTER VIII

THE INTERIM

Most of us will think of our mission at VERVIERS as the interim between two battles. True there was action, and some danger, and some hardship, but more vivid memories of comfortable quarters, hot baths, shows, and rest.

Our new chain of command brought us back closer to First Army, with 103rd Antiaircraft Artillery Group (Choctaw) and 49th Antiairoraft Artillery Brigade(Mahogany) between. VERVIERS was then an important communications, supply and replacement center, and was consequently a prime and popular target for the Luftwaffe. Except for one day, their attacks were hit and run affairs by one or two planes, sneaking in low and fast looking for targets of opportunity. Redeployment of troops for the big offensive that was mounting sent many famous divisions through the city, and re-adjustment of Antiaircraft Artillery throughout the Army area caused us to move batteries very often to plug holes in the defense. Buzz-bombs heading for LEIGE (at which we could no longer shoot for fear of dropping them in the city) « lazed » over town continuously, one landing near the motor pool, another near B Battery CP - no casualties. January 1 the Luftwaffe made its big bid to knock out our tactical air force ; it was the first day since the beginning of The Ardennes that it had come out in strength - and its last. We had a fair share of kills during the VERVIERS mission and no target in the area was successfully bombed while we were there.

The batteries outdid themselves in a feud for the most sumptuous CP ; everybody had a chance to spend some money for the first time on the continent ; long-due promotions for second lieutenants came through ; 1st Sergeant Shepp became our first « Battle Field Looey » ; somebody shot down a Tempest, somebody in some other battalion ; and the first awards for heroism in battle were made.

VERVIERS was too good to last so it was no surprise when we got orders to move up to the Roer River to protect bridges, ammo and supply dumps. On 5 March, off we go again HERVE - AACHEN

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COLD SNOW AND HOT POOP

ALMOST EVERYONE HAD CONFORTABLE BILLETS

THE FIRST PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE AT VERVIERS

and DUREN. Our first glimpse of the destruction of Germany came at AACHEN and we all felt that it was terrific - but DUREN !!

Here a large city had been reduced to nothing but a pile of rubble, which had been pushed aside by bulldozers to make roads where there had once been streets. Naturally, our living conditions dropped to a much lower level than we had around VERVIERS. The Luftwaffe was evidently busy elsewhere for we had had no shooting and there was no one shooting at us. We had plenty to worry about though for the entire area had been lavishly mined and booby-trapped. We had four casualties from this cause : Pvts Adams and Mc Cullagh of C Battery on the 7th and 9th, and Sgt Gibbons and Pfc Martin of B Battery on the 10th.

GOERING, COUNT YOUR PLANES

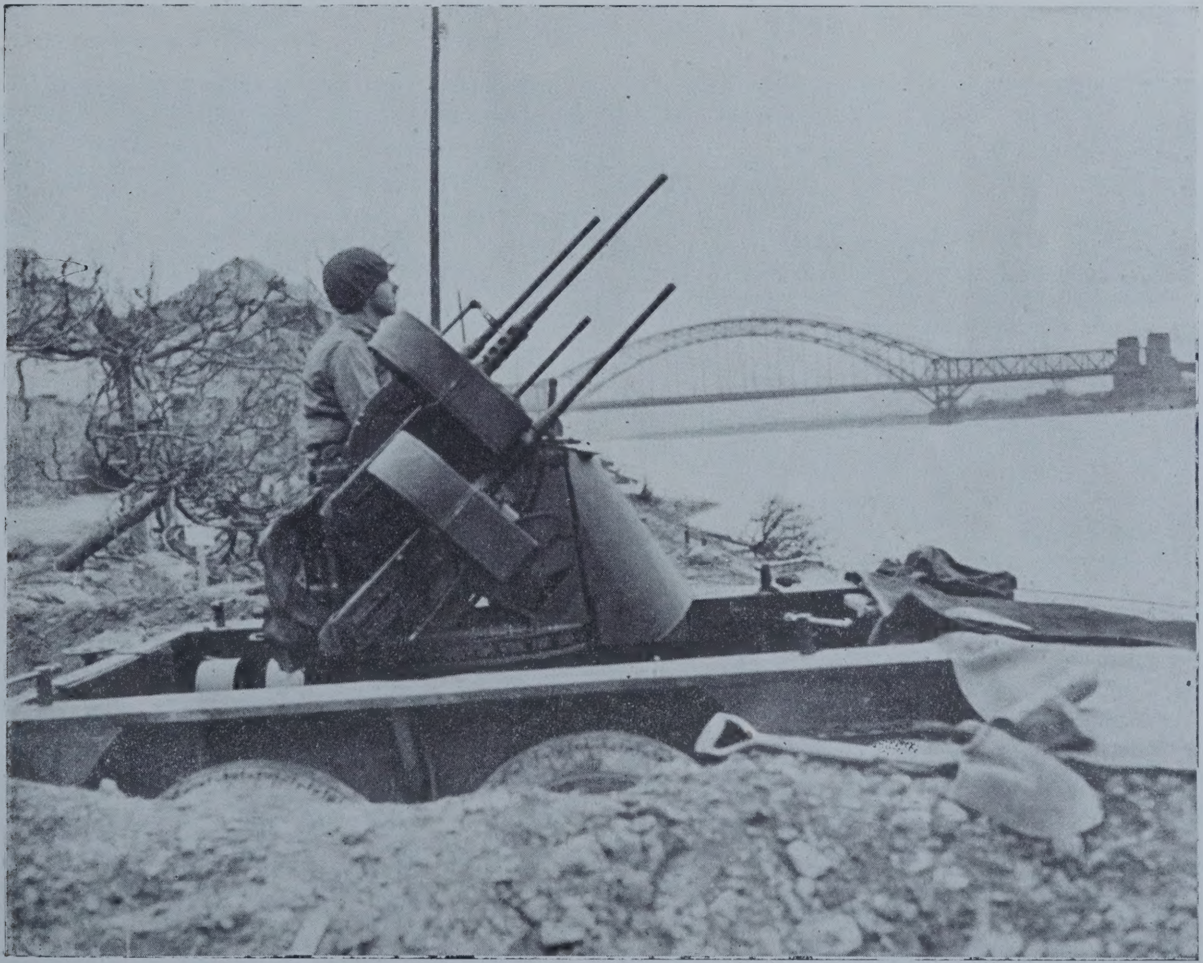
HIGH ON A WINDY HILL

CHAPTER IX

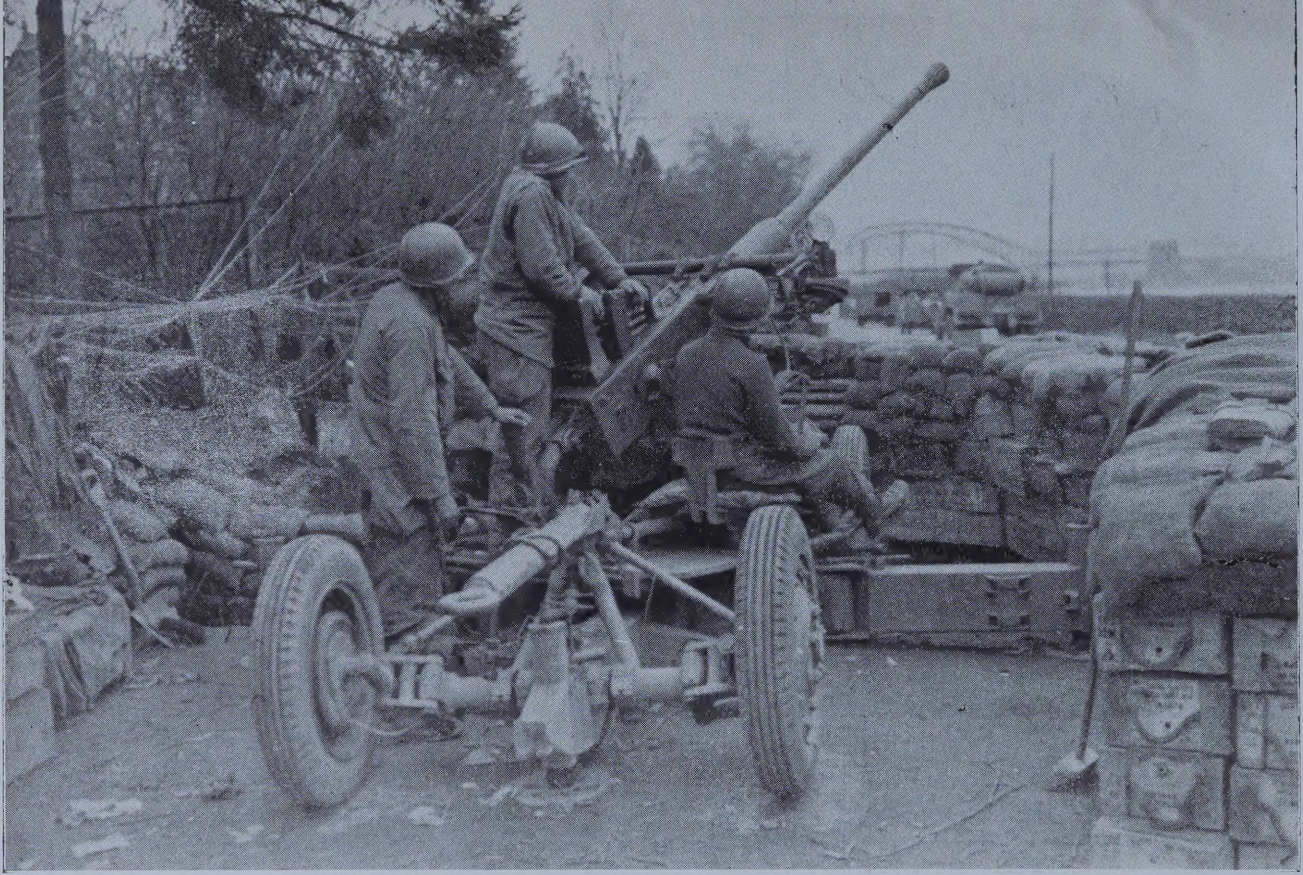
THE RHINELAND

On the 8th of March First Army troops captured the Ludendorff Bridge at REMAGEN intact and we were called upon to furnish forty-six trucks to rush re-inforcements to the bridgehead. REMAGEN was a hot spot those first few days, and though some of our trucks and drivers were hit, no one was killed and no trucks put out of action. Our trucks returned on the 11th and we took off for the Rhine and our next assignment. There could be no doubt but that this newly created bridgehead was a very serious threat to the Nazis and it was certainly likely that the Luftwaffe, or what remained of it, would come out in force in an effort to cut the bridgehead off. At REMAGEN we were under the 16th Antiaircraft Artillery Group and our batteries took up positions at each end of the bridge. This was a real hot spot. The Germans were constantly throwing heavy stuff in an effort to knock the bridge out. In the meantime, however, the Engineers were busy putting in pontoon bridges. The Nazis were also sending V-2s into the area. Those things are certainly devastating !! And of course the Luftwaffe was making every effort to knock the bridge out.

They sent every type of plane they had into the the fight - from old JU 87s to the newest type of jet propelled plane. All of these efforts were in vain though - for not a single bomb hit any of the bridges !! The ack ack in the vicinity was murderous, our Battalion knocked down five planes

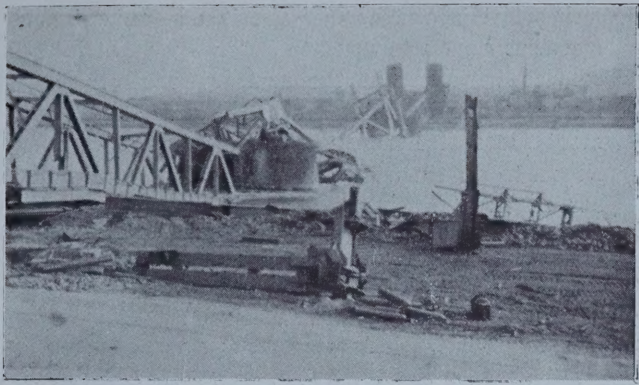


THE SEIZURE AND HOLDING OF THE REMAGEN BRIDGE SAVED UNTOLD THOUSANDS OF LIVES

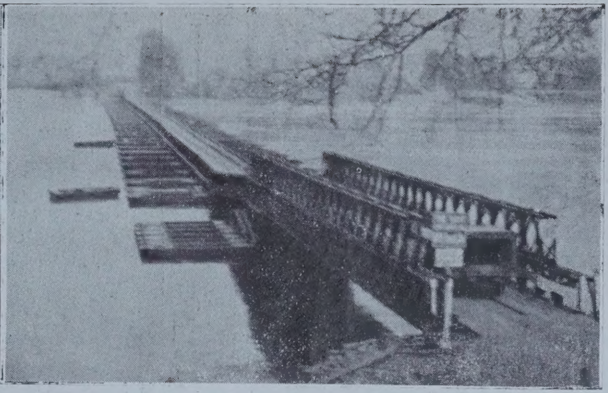


THERE WAS USUALLY SOMETHING TO SHOOT AT

WE GOT OUR SHARE



AFTER THE BRIDGE COLLAPSED



.... WE DEFENDED THE PONTOON BRIDGE

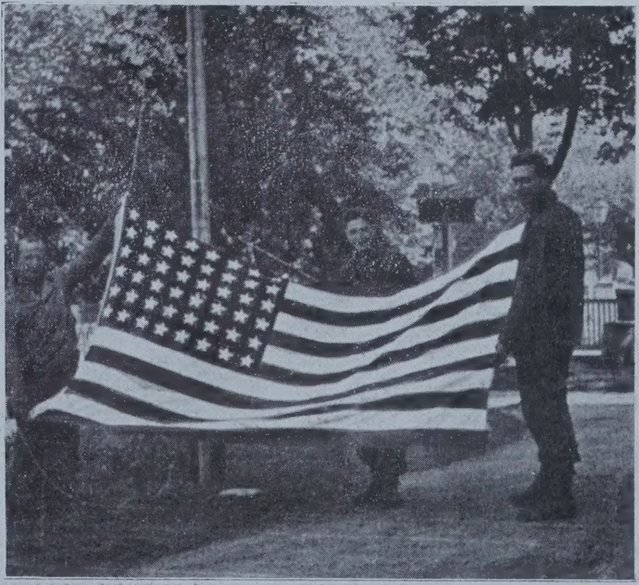
and had eleven probables before the Nazis gave up. One unique method employed in an attempt to knock out the bridges was the use of swimming sabatouers. They were no more effective than the floating mines sent down the river. One of the most awesome sights any of us ever saw was the night barrage. In this type barrage, all guns are pointed at a certain point in the sky and the guns are rotated through a small figure eight. At the word « Commence Firing » everything in the area opened up. The tracer pattern really lit up the area. We never knew whether we knocked out any planes by this method - but we do know that we prevented many from reaching the target. We had one casualty on the 15th, Pfc West of D Battery.

On the 17th the Ludendorff Bridge got tired and collapsed. It had taken a pretty bad mauling from artillery in addition to having been partially destroyed by demolitions. There were a number of Engineers on the bridge when it collapsed and the members of A Batteries did an excellent job on life saving. There would have been many more lives lost if men of the 639th had not been alert, quick and cool in the emergency.

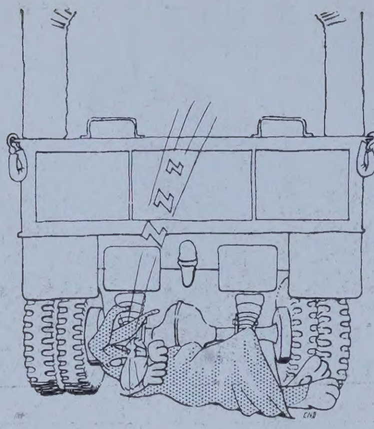
After the collapse of the bridge life became rather monotonous for most of us. There were no planes to shoot at - the place was quiet - being completely out of artillery range now and yet we continued on the alert, just in case a plane did show up. Most of us lived very comfortably, taking over the best hotels and houses along the river. Here Headquarters Battery adopted six Poles who had been released by the First Army advance and other batteries soon followed suit.

They were a great help - doing most of the fatigue

THERE WAS A GUN EVERYWHERE YOU STEPPED



THE FAMOUS REMAGEN FLAG WENT UP AT UNKEL



duties for us. One of the first American flags to be raised on the east bank of the Rhine was raised over the Battalion CP at UNKEL. Later, the Military Government presented us with one of the flags that had been raised on the ramparts of the Ludendorff Bridge. It is one of our cherished souvenirs. Special Services began to operate again - we got lots of new movies which went the rounds of all the batteries. Some men tried their luck fishing in the Rhine - the most successful were those using hand grenades. We began to obtain wine for distribution to all and it was served at a number of meals.

CHAPTER X

THE LAST LAP

The Armies now began to roll, all of them having crossed the river, and the German Army was beginning to disintegrate. We felt we were being left behind. Not for long. On March 29th, we got the mission of protecting the Army Supply Points of the First Army and began the mad race across Germany.

COLLECTING PW's BECAME A FAVORITE SPORT

WE WERE ROLLING ALL THE TIME NOW

At times, batteries were as much as one hundred and eighty-five miles apart. We covered Army Supply Points at RHEINBACH, on the Autobahn, at MARBURG, WARBURG, and finally up near LEIPZIG. There were few enemy planes during this period and most of our time was spent either moving to new positions or rounding up Prisoners of War. A race developed between the batteries to determine which one could capture the most. Headquarters Battery drew first blood and kept the lead for a short period, after that it was largely between A, C and D. « Task Force Taylor » cleared a patch of woods near MARBURG for a rich haul. C Battery stalked them to their watering point and picked up quite a few in that manner. Even the AAAIS Observation Posts picked up Prisoners of War. It was quite a race.

It was while Battalion Headquarters was located in MARBURG that we had our first USO show. The principle attraction was a combination mind reader and fortune teller who told us we would be home in September. (Fortune telling is beginning to hit à new low in the estimation of the 639th... as this is being written, « home in September » looks pretty dim). MARBURG was noteworthy for another reason. For the first time we began to see the comely frauleins and non-fraternization began to take on real meaning.

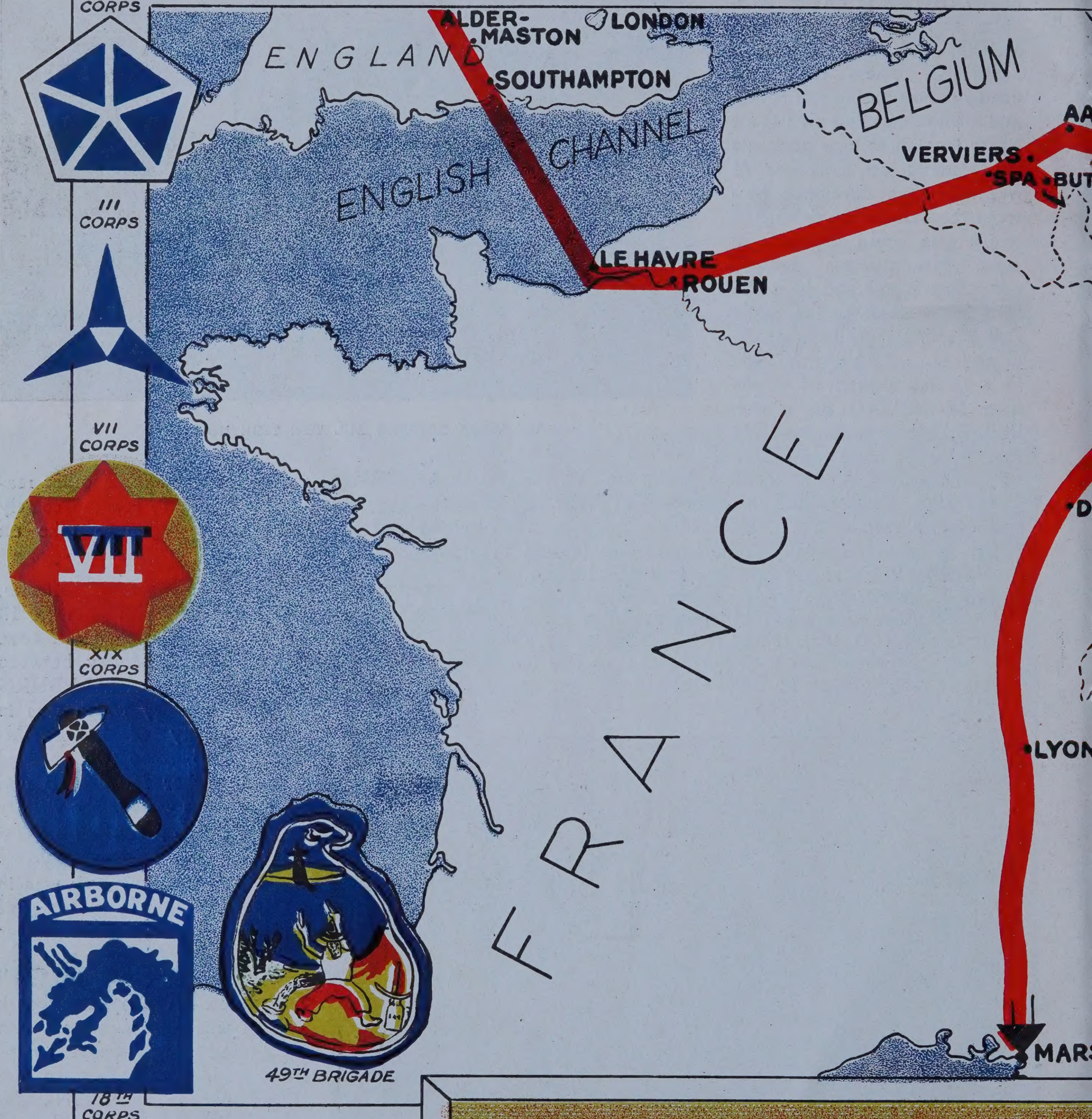
To keep pace with the fast-moving firing batteries, Battalion CP was moved to GOTTINGEN on 13 April. The batteries were really stretched out now. Headquarters was located about mid-way between A Battery which was in the vicinity of MARBURG and D Battery which was in the vicinity of BREITENWORBIS, some two hundred miles further forward. B and C Batteries were in the vicinity of KASSEL protecting a Fighter airstrip.

While Headquarters was in GOTTINGEN a number of interesting things occured. Our first supply of cognac was « liberated » and distributed to all batteries. A Battalion dark room was fully equipped with captured photographic equipment found at a German airfield outside GOTTINGEN. One of the hangers at this field housed a P-47 intact, complete with German markings and loaded with gas and bombs.

On 19 April D Battery discovered the Count and Countess d'Ansenbourg in BREI-

WE SAW THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE REICH

★ THE RHINELAND ★ THE ARDENNES ★ REMAGE



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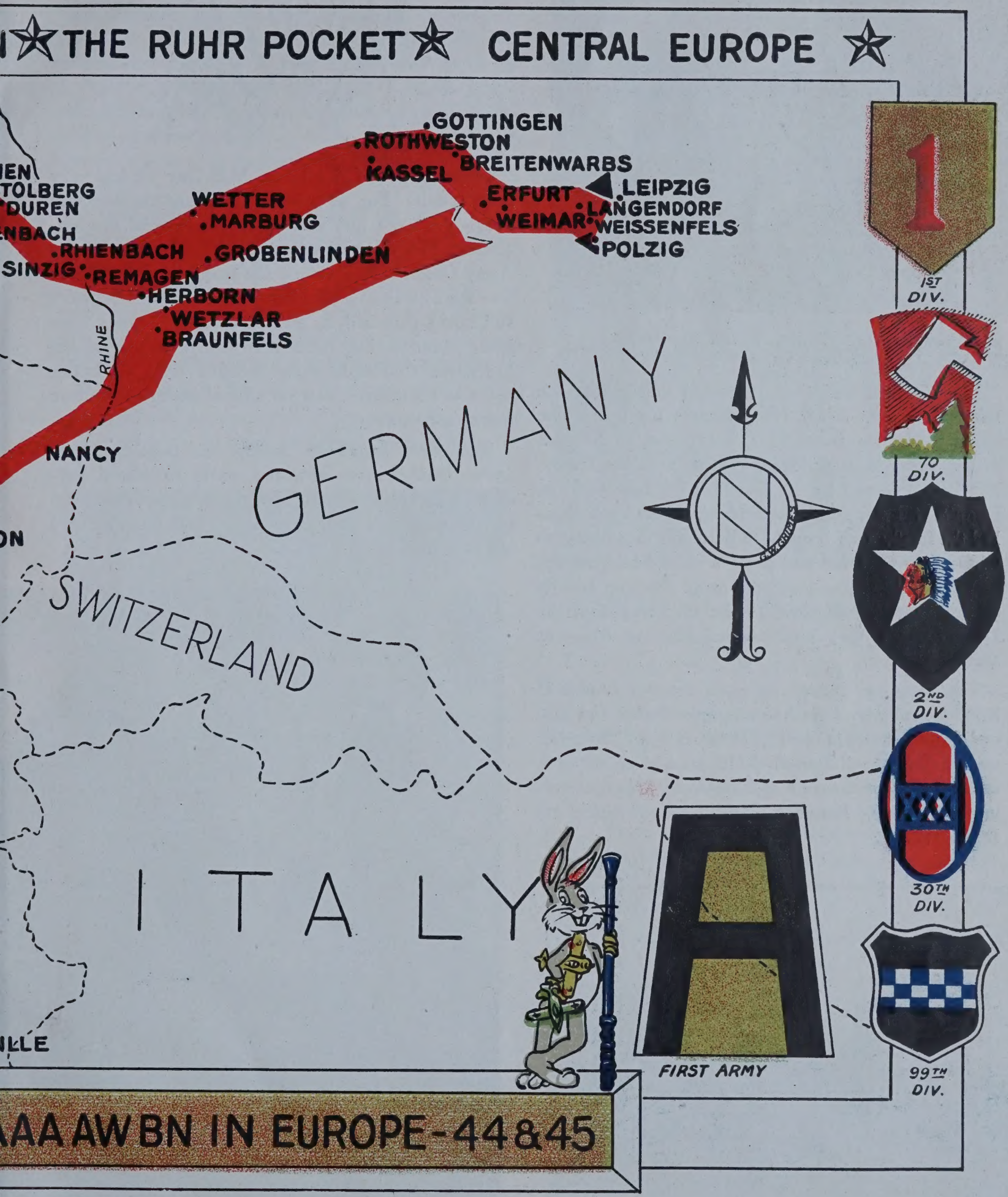
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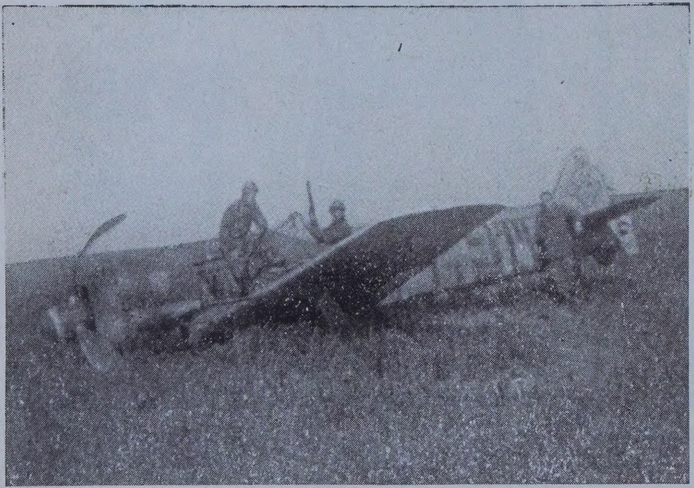
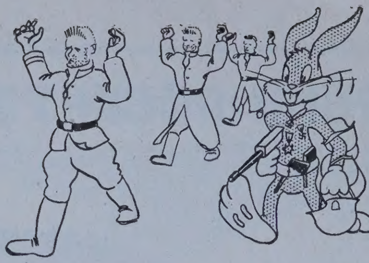
THE CHAPLAIN PILED UP THE MILEAGE

TENWORBIS and they requested that a message be sent back to Army Headquarters for them. The Count had been Luxembourg's Minister to Belgium at the outbreak of the war, and he, with his family, had been interned by the Germans for four years in Leignitz, Silesia. After their identies had been checked the family was brought to Battalion Headquarters where they were fed and given a chance to clean up, and the outfit has undoubtedly made life-long friends of this charming family. On the following day, the 21st of April, they were carried back to Army at MARBURG.

The campaign moved on more rapidly. A and D Batteries continued on Army Supply Points and moved up into the vicinity of LEIPIZ. B and C Batteries were pulled away from KASSEL and given the mission of « Palace Guard » at First Army Headquarters in WEIMAR. Battalion Headquarters moved to ERFURT.



ALL THE BATTERIES HAD A FIELD DAY MAY 8th



From the 24t of April until V-E Day we had very little activity. For all practical purposes the war was over - we were just waiting for the official announcement. The German army was in a shambles ; First Army troops were awaiting the Russians at the Elbe ; war for us was at a standstill. Prisoners of War were still being gathered in, and of course the guns were being manned, but there was little evidence of the Luftwaffe. Our code name changed from « Mayfair 639 » to « Athlete », and we all thought the new name rather appropriate.

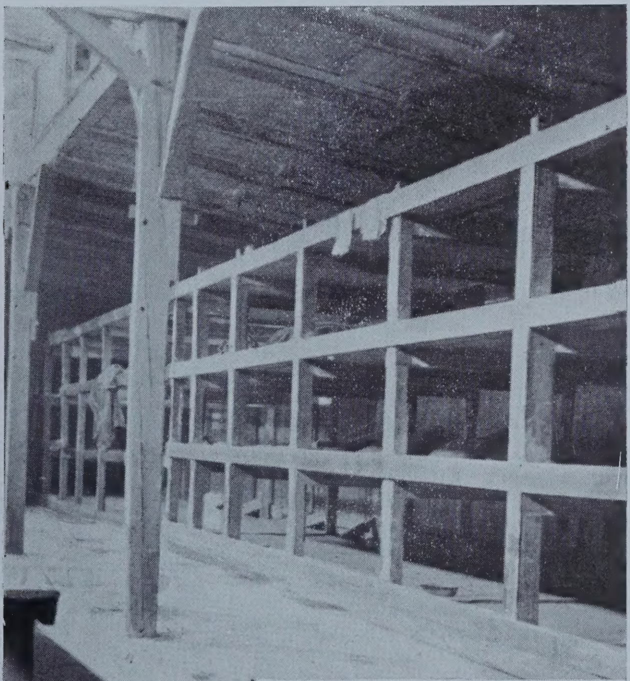
Recreation began to assume an important role again. Dances were arranged, using Displaced Persons as partners ; athletics got under way. Headquarters even had a swimming pool which was cleaned out and filled up.

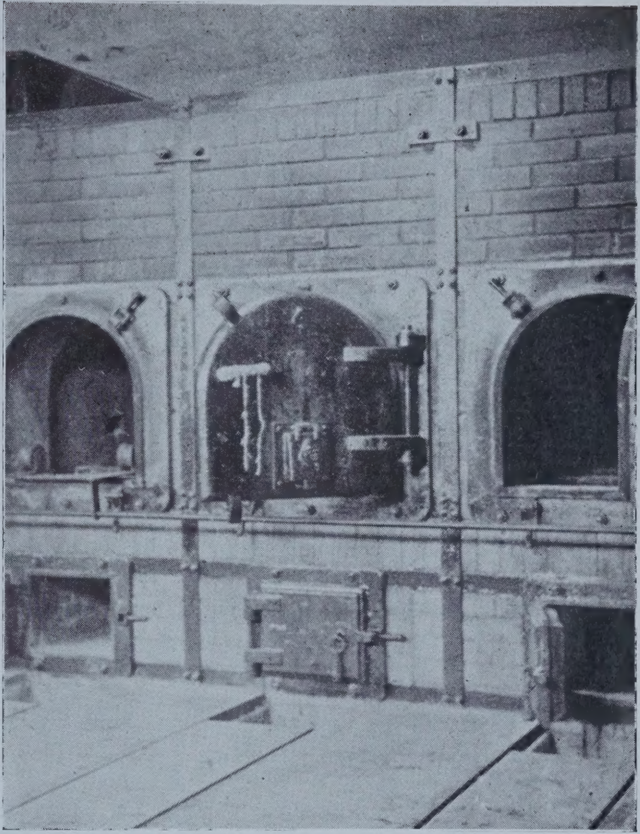
WE HAD A COOKS TOUR OF GERMANY

More related to education than recreation, trips were arranged for all personnel to go through the notorious concentration camp at Buchenwald. Although much has been written and said about the horrors of Nazi brutality, one can never really believe that members of the human race could be so degraded and bestial unless one has actual evidence - an eye-witness account, so to speak. At Buchenwald we got just that.

It is impossible to put into words the abject horror of the place, the pitiable things that were once normal human beings, the stench, the gruesomeness of the production line efficiency of the murder factory, the evidences of sadism. Those of us who visited Buchenwald will not likely forget that the « good » Germans never lifted a hand to put a stop to such atrocities.

While at ERFURT, Warrant Officer Morris Laskau, personnel adjutant and S/Sgt Victor Kastner of C Battery were awarded battlefield commissions.



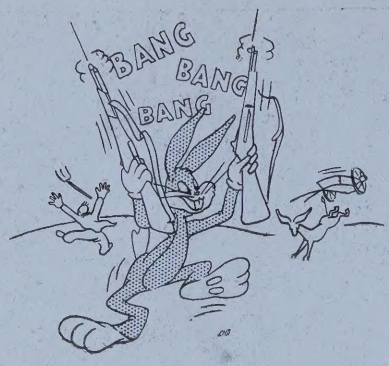


AT BUCHENWALD THE PRISONERS COULD LEAVE THEIR CUBICLES AND THE FIRES WENT OUT IN THE OVENS

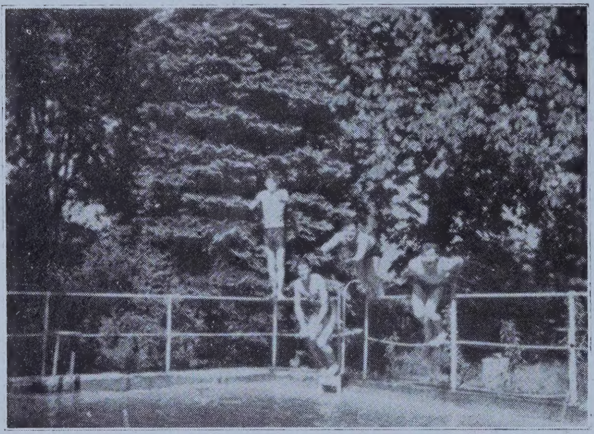
There was very little activity until 8 May when German planes began coming into the area in attempts to land and surrender to American troops. Inasmuch as we had no orders to cease fire, we had a number of engagements and A Battery shot down two ME 109s. One of these, we felt sure, was the last plane shot down in Germany. it having been bagged at 1748. However, it so happened that another outfit knocked one down in the Third Army area an hour later. In any event, it was the last one shot down in the First Army area.

Several amusing incidents occurred that day. There was the Luftwaffe pilot who came in out of range of our guns and landed in a pasture. When captured he had a supply of groceries and asked permission to spend the night with his wife who lived nearby. The wife got the groceries, period. Then there was the incident where Cpl Poitras and Pfc Wait of Headquarters Battery chased a German liaison plane across country in a jeep and captured its occupants when it landed. That is surely the first, and probably the only time a plane was captured by a jeep. Capts. Schaefer and Way were not so amused at this next series of incidents.

The battalion was under the 49th Antiaircraft



Artillery Brigade, and both B and C were furnishing Antiaircraft protection at First Army Headquarters. A plane came in low over the area and both batteries opened fire.Immediately a phone call to B Battery from the Antiaircraft section of First Army and instructions were given to Capt. Schaefer to discontinue firing, regardless of what came in. This message was relayed to Battalion and in turn to Brigade, who informed us that there had been no order to cease firing and we would continue to fire on all hostile planes. This order was relayed to B and C Batteries and so when the next plane came in they both opened fire. Once again a call from Antiaircraft section First Army - this time a little more « zip » was added. B and C were actually caught between two fires - you fire - you don't - you fire - you don't and on and on. Finally the whole business was straightened out and they were allowed to continue to engage any hostile planes over the Commanding General's CP.



ROUGH IN THE ETO

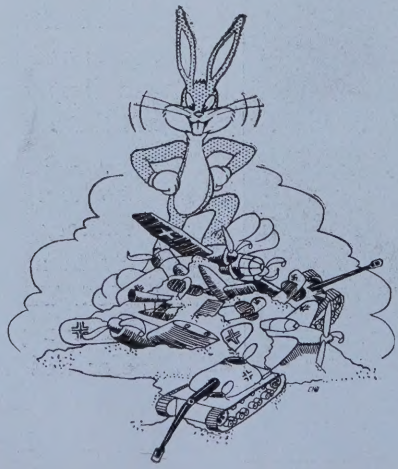
At 2000 on the 8th we were advised that all firing would cease as of 090001, except in the case of a plane committing a hostile act. And thus, as an anticlimax, the war ended.

Five months of combat under the most varied conditions - some of it extremely rugged, some rather soft. In any event, the outfit had acquitted itself well. We have our own self pride, the official battle records and many commendations received from higher headquarters. There were many outstanding feats of personal bravery and meritorious service. All of them were not officially recognized by appropriate awards.

Many of us believed the Battalion earned a Unit Citation in the Ardennes Campaign, but it was not in the cards and so we content ourselves with the knowledge that there isn't a better combat outfit in any of the armies. We wear the First Army « A » and our three campaign stars with the justifiable pride of seasoned fighting troops.

THE RECORD

	Planes		V-1s		Prisoners
Battery	**Cat I**	**Cat II**	**Cat A**	**Cat B**	**of War**
A	4	1	2	0	122
B	1	0	0	0	17
C	1	1	1	0	34
D	8	11	3	0	103
Hq	0	0	0	0	19
Total	14	13	6	0	295



CHAPTER XI

OCCUPATION

The time from VE day to the 15th was spent in gathering the dope on our new job - that of Security Guard. Our first mission as Security Guard was to be in the vicinity of WETZLAR and so on the 15th we were on the move again. Battalion Headquarters set up in the village of BRAUNFELS, A Battery in NIEDERHAUSEN, B Battery in BURGSOLMS, C Battery in WERDORF and D Battery in ASSLAR. The job of Security Guard called for protecting vital installations, setting up road checks to see that the population did not violate regulations about movement, searching for hidden arms and ammunition and maintaining roving patrols to discourage the conquered « supermen » from attempting to start trouble.

By this time we were assigned to the Ninth Army, the First having left for the Pacific via the States. Our chain of command this time was really a dilly - Ninth Army, XIX Corps, 70th Infantry Division, 49th Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade and 11th Antiaircraft Artillery Group. We did not lack for a higher headquarters !!

Little trouble developed and that was usually from Allied Displaced Persons or released Prisoners of War. At no time were we required to use force to quell any disturbance.

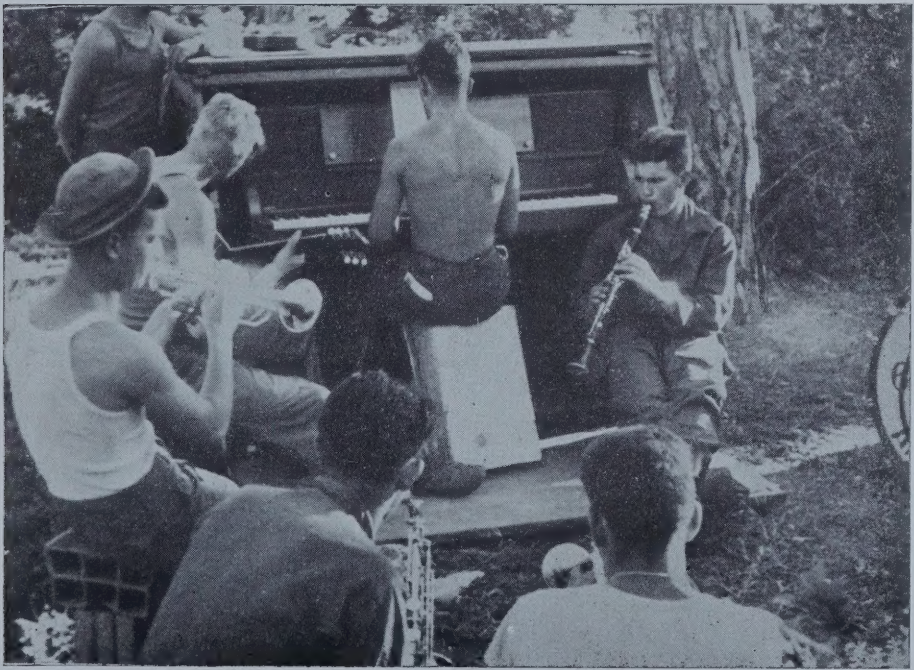
All guns were brought into Battalion and a maintenance crew gave each gun a thorough overhaul job. Trucks were brought into the Motor Pool and given a thorough check and a new paint job. We were preparing for any eventuality, not knowing when the call might come to get ready for a trip to the Pacific - or, better, to The States.

Athletics were stressed and each battery had strong softball and volleyball teams. Rivalry was intense and the race hot. The officer's team developed a real Kentucky feud with the 563rd AAA Battalion officers. Of course, the 639th came out on top.

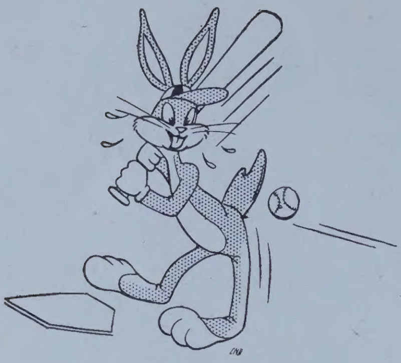
Batteries had parties but due to the non-fraternization policy, they had to be strictly stag. Several attempts were made to obtain Polish girls from the Displaced Persons camps, but alas, alack, the Polish men would have no part of it and it continued to be « sans girls ». This development, coupled with the attractiveness of the

GENERAL TIMBERLAKE PINNED ON SOME MEDALS

A GOOD ATHLETIC PROGRAM GOT STARTED



THE BUGS BUNNY BAND WAS FORMED

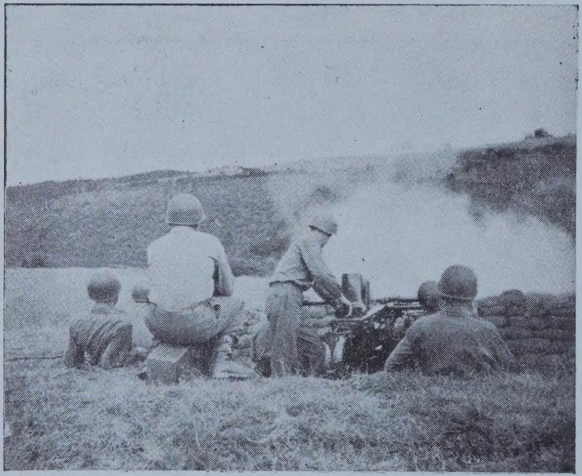


frauleins in the vicinity made the non-fraternization policy a doubly-bitter pill, but there were no reported violations.

On 28 May, General Timberlake, Commanding General of the 49th Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade visited the Battalion CP to make presentation of awards for deeds performed during combat.

At this time he praised the Battalion highly, stating that it was unquestionably one of the best outfits he had seen in his thirty years of service.

To back this praise up, General Timberlake selected the 639th along with the 116th AAA Gun Battalion to put on a demonstration of Antiaircraft Artillery for the members of the 70th Infantry Division. We furnished a composite platoon of four 40mm guns and two M-16B halftracks. Two of the 40s were in position for on-carriage sight control, one with M7



DIRECT HIT !

The doughboys were a little amazed at the sharpshooting

SHOW TROOPS AGAIN !

The ammo was policed and packed for the Japs (we thought)

director control. The other 40mm was in position on the firing line and used on-carriage sights to give the infantrymen a display of accurate firing they had never seen before. One of the M-16Bs was on display, the other on the firing line, outshooting the M-51 of the 116th. For this job the battalion received another commendation, this time from the 70th Division.

Yes, life was pretty smooth sailing. The Bugs Bunny Orchestra was formed and played in the theatres in Wetzlar and Weilberg, in addition to giving the batteries entertainment. Movies were shown daily in Wetzlar and Weilberg. On Memorial Day each battery held a small impressive ceremony in memory of those who had made the supreme sacrifice.

On 11 June we were alerted for movement, destination unknown. On the 12th we were told to be ready to move by 0800 on the 13th. March order was given and we were packed and ready to roll at 0800. No orders and we just sat, with trucks loaded and ready to ride. On the 14th, they came - we were to move by motor convoy to MARSEILLE, France, mission unknown. After sitting ready to move for two days we were to make this trip of seven hundred odd miles in three days !!

WE ROLLED ALONG THE AUTOBAHN FOR THE LAST TIME

BACK TO FRANCE!

There must be an urgent need for the 639th somewhere. All of us began to sweat out direct shipment to the Pacific, for we all knew that the Port of Embarkation at MARSEILLE was used only for that purpose.

THERE WAS A LOT OF HORSE-PLAY

CHAPTER XII

SOUTHERN FRANCE

And so on the 15th we took off at 0600 in battery serials arriving at the NANCY bivouac area at 2100. This transit camp was the nicest one we have ever seen. We were quartered in pyramidal tents, hot meals were served by PWs, there was a PX with beaucoup cokes and beer, a movie and a USO show. Washing facilities and latrines were adequate and sanitary. We liked it.

Our longest journey for one day took place on the 16th when we traveled more than three hundred miles to the ST RAMBERT bivouac area. What a difference - here we were dumped into a field, period. Nothing to make us comfortable. No PX. No show. No chow. We had to shift for ourselves, but of course we are used to that and we managed. One thing that will always stand out in our memory is the reception

we got passing through the towns ; we were cheered as conquering heroes, especially in LYON. As one serial passed through one of the natives noticed that we were First Army troops and a cry went up, « Le Premier Armee !!, Le Grande Premier Armee !! » They too, knew the exploits of the Fighting First. It was quite a sensation.

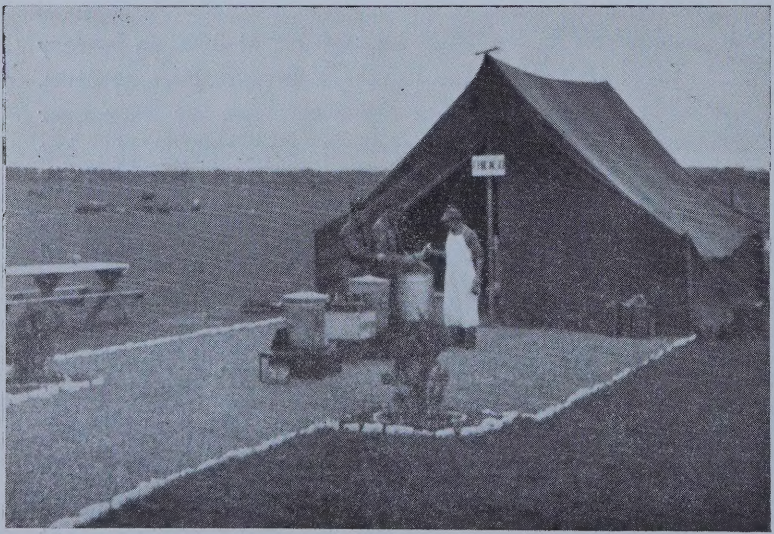
The 17th was a relatively short haul, about one hundred and seventy-five miles into MARSEILLE. Here we were met by the advance party which took us into a bivouac area near SEPTEMES. What an area !! Pup tents were pitched in one big colony of ants. The flies were almost unbearable, and what little patience our insect friends left us was used up by the choking dust and the stifling heat. We were not happy.

Now that we were here, just what was this vitally important mission that had rushed us across Germany, Luxembourg and France ? We waited from the 17th until the 21st before one battery got a mission, C Battery went to MIRAMAS Quartermaster Depot as Security Guard. On the 23rd B Battery moved to the Calas staging Area as Military Police. On the 25th D Battery joined C at MIRAMAS to furnish additional Security Guards, and A Battery went over to Calas to augment B Battery on Military Police duty. On the 26th Headquarters moved to a college between LUYNES and GARDANNE.

The men of A and B Batteries quickly caught on to the duties required of Military Police and did an excellent job at Calas, so good in fact, that the Provost Marshal of Delta Base stated that they were better than the regularly assigned Military Police. In the meantime C and D Batteries were doing a jam up job at MIRAMAS. In addition to duties as Security Guard, D Battery took over Military Police duties in and around the town of MIRAMAS.

On 17 July, A Battery moved to MARTIGUES as Military Police for that area, and B Battery was transferred to Sixth Port Headquarters for Military Police duty at the port gates and to operate the Port Police Station. There has been a decided drop in black market activities at this large port since the 639th took a hand in guarding the property destined for our overseas troops.

The duties of A and B Batteries as Military Police made interesting work and they did that job as the 639th has always done any job - in a superior fashion. The men at C and D Batteries did not have the pretty white helmet liners and white belts and gloves to make their job glamorous - but nevertheless did an equally good job protecting supplies at the tremen-



G. I. JOE'S... A GOOD DEAL

THE ANT HILL... NOT SO GOOD

dous Quartermaster Depot at MIRAMAS. All four batteries did wonders in constructing reasonably comfortable tent camps.

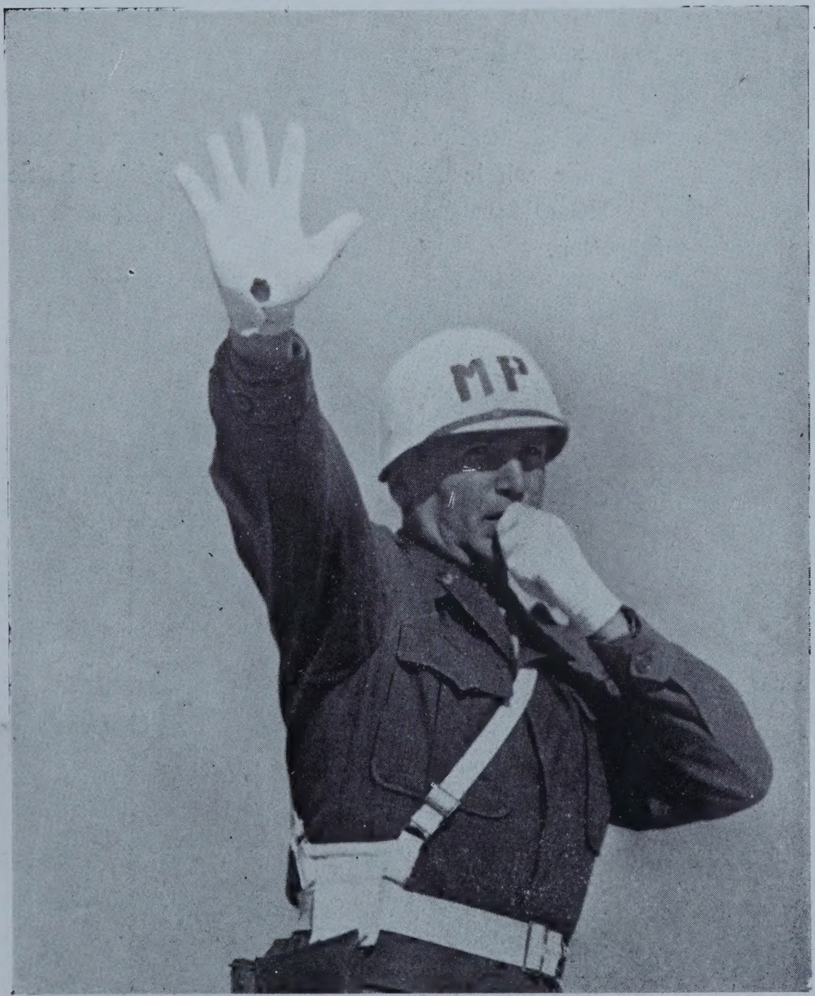
Entertainment has been ample. There are a number of movies in the various areas. All batteries have had a big sports program. The swimming team did well at Nice and Paris, and Lt. Vogt went on to Nurembourg, though an injury kept him out of the meet there. Cpl. Hopkins of Headquarters Battery led the Delta Base Section golf team which competed in Brussels and Paris. All batteries are having social entertainments - the Bugs Bunny orchestra provides music for them at least once a week. Beer and cokes are reasonably plentiful. Life in the ETO is not so rough.

The battalion is taking quite an active part in the Information and Education Program. We have sent eight men to University Center courses, one to England for training in pharmacy, ten men are doing on-the-job training with an Ordnance outfit and aproximately one hundred and fifty are enrolled in off-duty courses a the Delta Base Section Education Center in Marseille.

PISTOL EYES WERE SHARPENED UP

On 30 September we took over what will probably be our final duties in the ETO - the running of the ST. VICTORET staging area. Part of A Battery retained their white helmets and took over as camp M. P.'s the rest of the Battalion did the administrative details. The familiar business of building a tent city was repeated.

Our present mission is an important one - getting hundreds of thou-

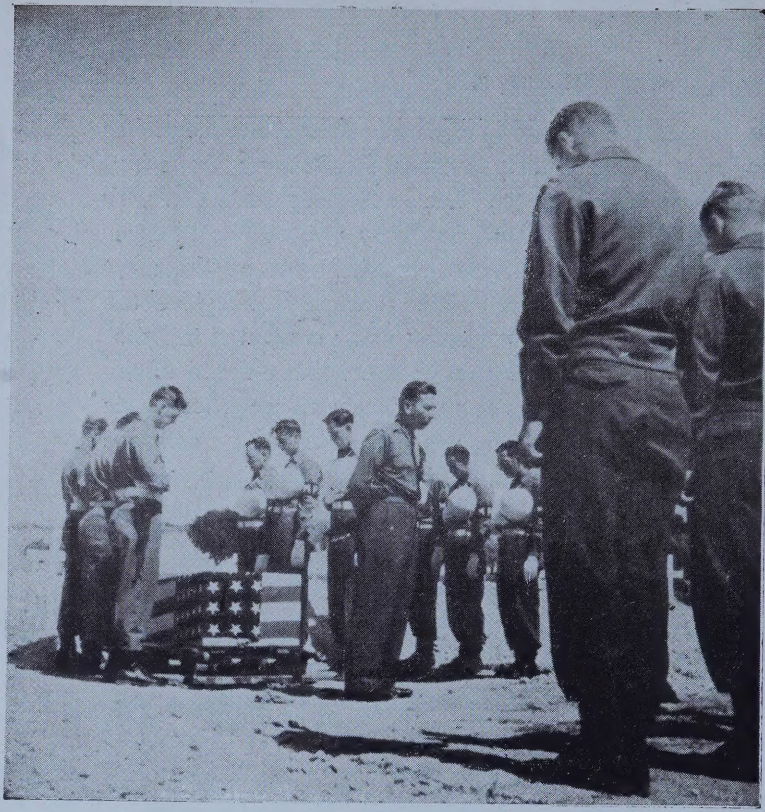


THE CRIME RATE WENT DOWN CONSIDERABLY

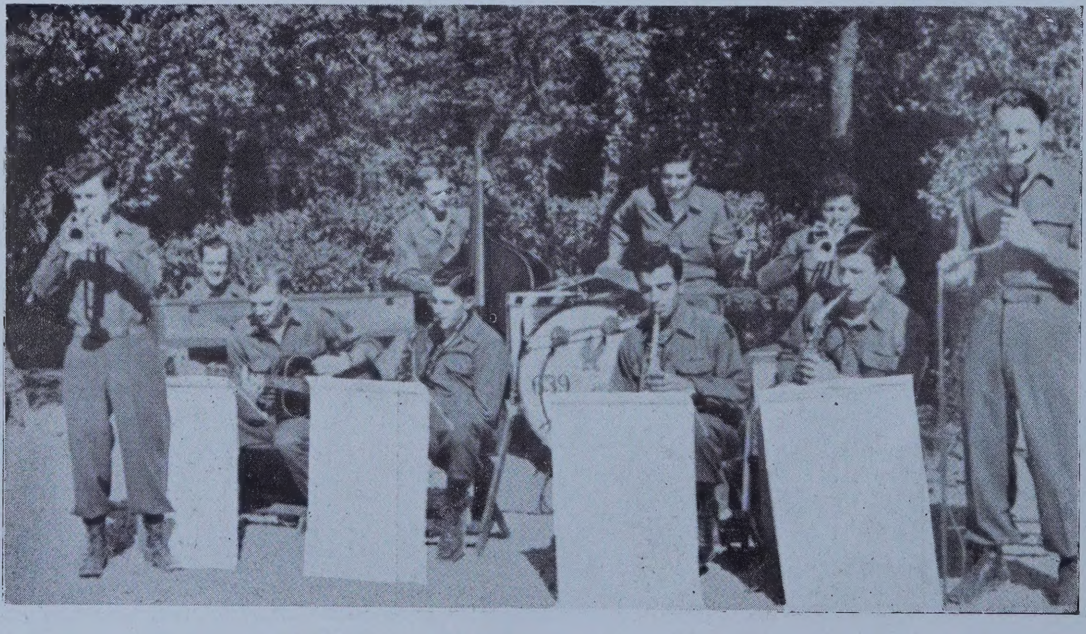
sands of men onto a boat for home in minimum time.

Now all we have to worry about is : « When do we catch that boat home ourselves ? ». That is the $ 64 question !

All of the story has not been told — how the Chaplain practically lived in his jeep, looking for a chance to help or cheer ; the Medics who day or night were there on the spot, ready, capable and willing ; the unsung officers on the staff whose work and responsibility seldom is revealed ; the headquarters sections which fed us, clothed us, paid us and kept account of our « points ». Combine all these in support of the fighting lettered batteries and you have the whole story of a Battalion whose battle record and personal associations will not soon be forgotten.

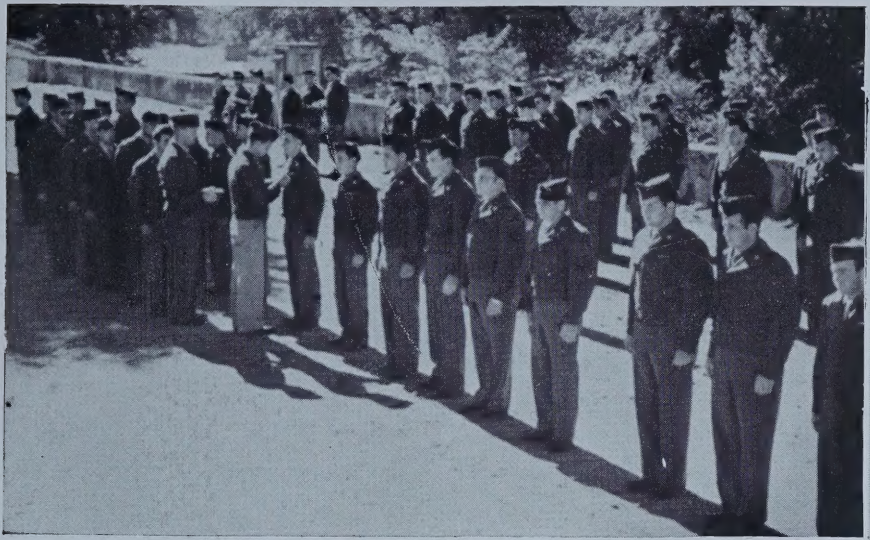


EVEN AFTER VICTORY, DUTY TOOK ITS TOLL

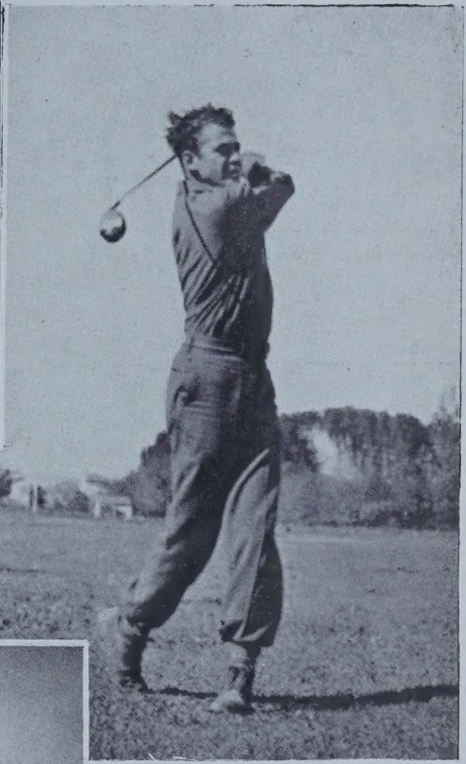


THE BAND WAS IN BIG DEMAND THROUGHOUT THE AREA

DOC'S ALBUM



DECORATIONS AT GARDANNE



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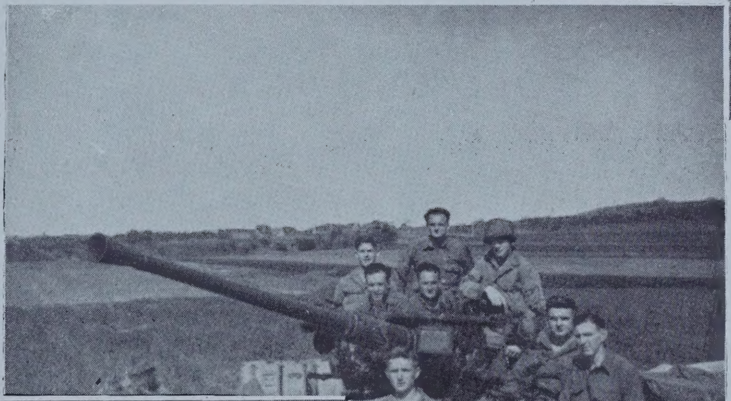
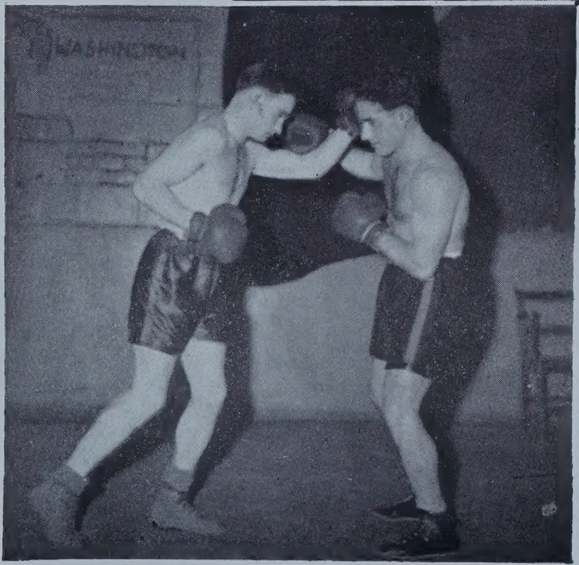


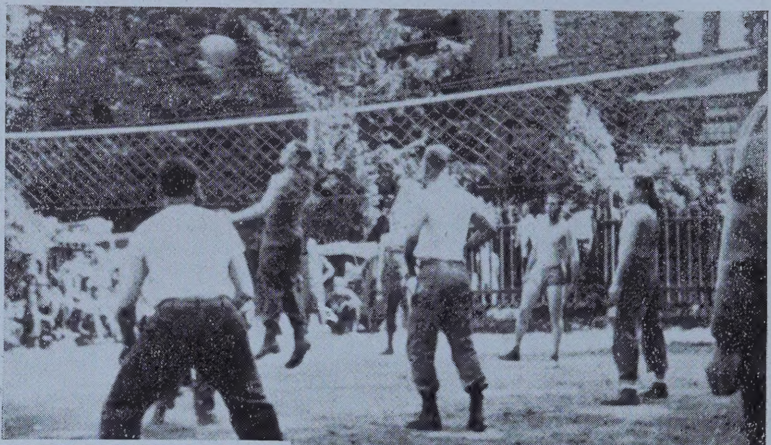
BOOM ! THATS THE
WAY WE OPERATE



SHOCK AND GERACE, BOTH DYNAMITE

THE COUNT D'ANSEMBOURG AND FAMILY

PASS IN REVIEW



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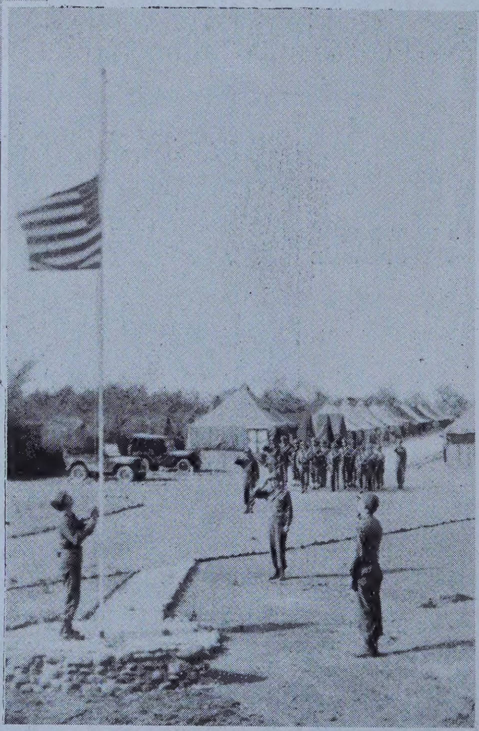
TARGET



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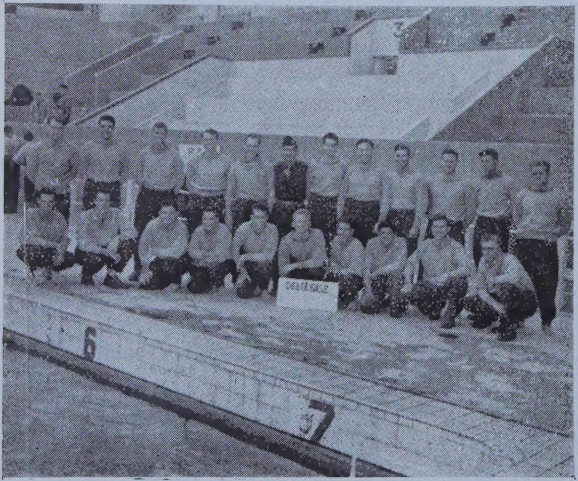
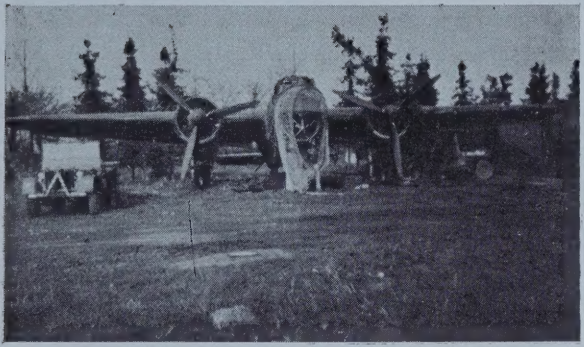


THE SWIMMING TEAM

THE BRIDGE AT BUTGENBACH

CHOW

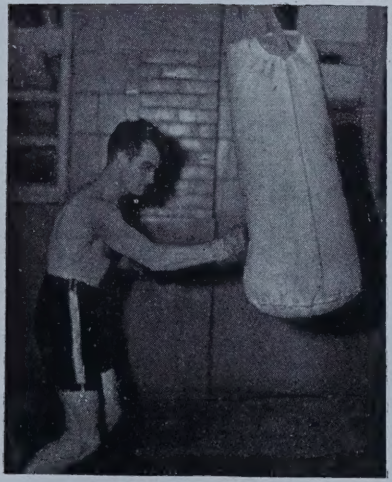
THE OLD MAN



ONE WE DIDN'T CLAIM

PFC. HENNES

THERE'S A CHARACTER
IN EVERY CONVOY



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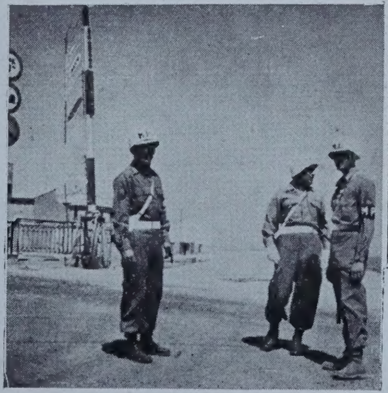

TRAFFIC POINT
AT MARTIGUES

AWARDS

★★★

SOLDIERS MEDAL

Spong, Charles D.	Tec. 5	Battery D.

BRONZE STAR

Cauthen, William A.	Lt. Col.	Headquarters.
Holly, Matthew M.	Cpl.	Battery B.
Schaefer, James E.	Capt.	Battery B.
Vuoncino, Richard A.	Tec. 5	Medical Detachment.

PURPLE HEART

Abbamonte, Lawrence J.	Pfc.	Battery D.
Adams, Harry M.	Pfc.	Battery C
Amico, Salvatore	Pvt.	Battery B.
Ballard, Orville L.	Cpl.	Battery B.
Bendler, August R.	Pfc.	Battery B.
Berger, David	Cpl.	Battery B.
Bowden, George E.	Pfc.	Battery B.
Brine, Alton D.	Pfc.	Battery B.
Bruce, Clyburn	Pfc.	Hq. Battery.
Clawson, Christy L.	Pfc.	Battery D.
Colward, John D.	Pfc.	Battery D.
Courtney, Charles L.	Pfc.	Battery D.
Crosby, Ralph	Cpl.	Battery C.
Curran, John J.	Sgt.	Battery B.
Define, Roxie V.	Pfc.	Battery A.
Dinanno, Vito	Pvt.	Battery B.
Edwards, Emmett	Pfc.	Battery C.
Eygabroat, Jacob A.	Tec. 3	Medical Detachment.
Faller, Charles L.	S/Sgt.	Battery A.
Feltri, Mario	Pfc.	Battery B.
Flynn, David R.	Tec. 5	Battery A.
Gennone, Michael J.	Pfc.	Medical Detachment.
Genovese, Philip R.	Pfc.	Battery B.
Gibbons, Gilbert J.	Sgt.	Battery B.
Gonzales, Angelo	Pvt.	Battery D.
Gould, Ario R.	Pfc.	Battery B.
Graham, William H. Jr.	Pfc.	Battery B.
Harover, Paul	Sgt.	Battery D.
Heist, John C.	Pfc.	Battery A.
Hogan, William E.	Tec. 5	Battery C.
Holly, Matthew M.	Cpl.	Battery B.
Huck, Robert F.	Pvt.	Battery B.
Keen, Henry M.	Tec. 5	Battery B.
Kempt, Warren O.	Pfc.	Battery C.
Kenny, Frank B.	1st Lt.	Battery A.
Kisylia, Peter F.	Pfc.	Battery A.
Krape, Joseph F.	Sgt.	Battery A.
Little, Ashburn Jr.	Pfc.	Battery A.
Martin, George J.	Pfc.	Battery B.
Marullo, Vincent H.	Pvt.	Battery C.
McCullagh, Leon L.	Pvt.	Battery C.
McKenna, Herbert J.	Pvt.	Hq. Battery.
Mechler, Charles T.	Pvt.	Battery C.
Molinari, Andrew	Sgt.	Battery A.
Muzzillo, Oscar E.	S/Sgt.	Hq. Battery.
O'Donohue, Thomas J.	Capt.	Headquarters.
Peroni, Emil A.	Pfc.	Battery A.
Pulis, Frank	Tec. 5	Battery D.
Randall, Edward	Tec. 5	Battery C.
Ray, Robert L.	Sgt.	Battery B.
Rooney, Stephen J.	Capt.	Battery C.
Rumpl, Henry E.	Tec. 5	Battery C.
Saverock, Frank T.	Tec. 5	Battery C.
Scannella, Harry N.	Pfc.	Battery D.
Skendrovic, Francis S.	Tec. 5	Battery C.
Smey, Steve J.	Pfc.	Battery C.
Socha, Edward S.	Pvt.	Battery C.
Soggie, Marvin A.	Tec. 4	Medical Detachment.
Starr, Joseph A.	Pvt.	Battery C.
Stevens, Earl L.	Cpl.	Battery D.
Sweeney, John J.	Pfc.	Battery C.
Vuoncino, Richard A.	Tec. 5	Medical Detachment.
Wasserman, Irving	1st Lt.	Battery C.
Watts, Albert E. Jr.	1st Lt.	Battery C.
Weikel, William P.	Tec. 5	Battery C.
West, William D.	Pfc.	Battery D.
Wickey, William K.	Pfc.	Battery B.
Wilk, Sigismund B.	Pfc.	Battery D.
Wilson, Amos W.	Pfc.	Battery A.
Wloch, Charles J.	Pvt.	Battery C.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

49th AAA BRIGADE

Beauchamp, Walter J.	S/Sgt.	Battery C.
Birdsall, Wilford K.	Pfc.	Medical Detachment.
Bruce, Scott D.	Pfc.	Battery A.
Duncan. William L.	1st Lt.	Battery B.
Gennone, Michael J.	Pfc.	Medical Detachment.
May, John W.	Tec. 5	Battery B.
McDonald, Edward J.	Tec. 3	Battery B.
Sharp, Herman H.	T/Sgt.	Hq. Battery.

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Benedetti, Louis A.	Pfc.	Battery D.
Saul, William	Pfc.	Battery D.

COMMENDATIONS

HEADQUARTERS 26th U. S. INFANTRY REGIMENT
OFFICE OF THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

THRU : Commanding General, 49th Antiaircraft Brigade. *10 January 1945*

TO : Commanding Officer, 639th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion.

1. On 17 December 1944 my regimental combat team moved into the defensive area in the vicinity of Butgenbach, Belgium with the mission of blocking the route Bullingen-Butgenbach-Weismes-Malmedy. When this regiment went into occupation the situation was extremely fluid, information of friendly units as well as of enemy formations was non-existent, though rumours and « reports » were rife.

2. Early on the morning of 18 December 1944 an officer of the 639th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion came into my CP and reported that various elements of batteries A, B and C of the 639th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion were in position with 40mm. antiaircraft guns along the road west of Butgenbach towards Malmedy. He further stated that he was unaware of the situation in general, but that he would be glad to join up with my regiment and fight it out. His offer was accepted and the guns were tied in with the regimental defensive scheme.

3. That this area was destined to be a « hot corner » was made plain when a captured document revealed that the regiment was sitting astride the very route which the German High Command had selected as the main axis of advance and supply for the 12th SS Panzer Division.

4. Beginning on 19 December and lasting through 22 December the enemy launched attack after attack against the regimental positions, employing armor and infantry lavishly and viciously. In the course of two of these attacks, enemy tanks broke into the regimental positions and for a time the fighting was close quartered and ferocious. During all these attacks, and until the enemy finally gave up his costly and abortive attempts to seize this hilly ground and went on the defensive, elements of the 639th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion fought with great skill and implacable courage, first as gunners, and when heavy fire destroyed their major weapons, as riflemen.

5. The fighting instincts, esprit de corps and general soldierly qualities, of the soldiers and officers of the 639th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion involved in the vicious battles of 19 through 22 December, who chose to stay and slug it out shoulder to shoulder with the infantry, redounds to the glory of their battalion as a whole ; and especially to the officers and noncommissioned officers who led them in this difficult time.

I wish to formally acknowledge, through channels, the outstanding contribution of these men in what may be considered one of the historic battles of this war.

s/J. F. R. Seitz
t/J. F. R. SEITZ
Colonel
Commanding.

AG 201. 22-1-10 *1st Ind.* *CA/1wv*

HEADQUARTERS, 1st U. S. Inf. Div., APO 1, U. S. Army, 21 January 1945.

TO : CO, 639th AAA Bn., APO 230, U. S. Army.

THRU : CG, V Corps, APO 305, U. S. Army.

I desire to add my appreciation to the above commendation for the invaluable support rendered the 26th Infantry by the 639th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion.

s/Clift Andrus
t/CLIFT ANDRUS
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS
ELEVENTH ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY GROUP
APO 230, U. S. ARMY

1 February 1945

SUBJECT : Commendation on Outstanding Performance of Duty.

TO : Captain Alan V. Hooper, 0-381573, Commanding Officer, Battery « D », 639th AAA AW Battalion.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 639th AAA AW Battalion.

1. I wish to commend you and the officers and men of your battery for your outstanding work while attached to this Group during the Ardennes offensive from 21 December 1944 to 24 January 1945.

2. During this period your battery operated as a separate battery with the attendant complications of administration thrust upon you at a time when tactical defense was of prime consideration. Your defensive positions in the 30th Division area which were coordinated wich the Division AT and DT defenses and with the defenses of the 143rd and 110th AAA Gun Battalions, were superior and worthy of the highest commendation. Your problem was made more difficult because your guns were widely scattered in order to give effective cover for the principal anti-mechanized defenses of a sector which the Germans never cracked but your battery still was able to maintain communications and carry on.

3. You and your men were called on for dangerous and difficult tasks during this period, which were performed willingly, expeditiously and in a superb manner, and I take this opportunity to commend you on your ability as a leader and to extend to you and your men my heartiest congratulations on a job well done.

s/Harry P. Newton
t/HARRY P. NEWTON
Colonel, C. A. C.
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS
49th ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BRIGADE
APO 230

Germany, 10 May 1945

SUBJECT : Commendation on Performance of Duty in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European Campaigns.

TO : Commanding Officer, 639th AAA AW BN, APO 230, U. S. Army.

1. At the conclusion of our victorious campaign through Europe, I want to express my deep appreciation to you, and through you, to the officers and men of your battalion, for the outstanding drive, tenacity of purpose, and aggressiveness with which the 639th AAA AW Battalion performed all combat missions in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European Campaigns.

2. *Narrative.*

a) The 639th AAA AW Battalion was initially committed in the P. A. C. Belt east of Bullingen. Germany, on 12 December 1944, with the primary mission of destroying P. A. C. over German lines. On 16 December 1944, when the Germans launched their Ardennes Counter offensive, the 639th AAA AW Battalion found itself astride the main axis of advance of the 12th S. S. Panzer Division, and upon withdrawal of elements of the ——— Infantry Division on 17 December held the Butgenbach shoulder of the Ardennes Bulge with support against fanatic enemy infantry and armored attack until the arrival of the 1st U. S. Infantry Division on 19 December 1944, and then fought shoulder to shoulder with the Infantry troops of this Division on the northern shoulder of the Bulge in the counter attack which converted the « Ardennes Bulge » into the « Ardennes Bubble ».

b) The 639th AAA AW Battalion successfully proveded AA defense for vital rear installations in the FIRST ARMY zone of action until the seizure of the Remagen Bridge across the Rhine on 8 March 1945, when the Battalion was rushed forward to participate in the impregnable AAA defense of that historic crossing.

c) When the FIRST ARMY broke out of the Remagen Bridgehead, and raced to the Elbe River, the 639th AAA AW Battalion moved aggressively and progressively forward, finding itself, upon the termination of hostilities, providing AAA defense for Leipzig, deep in the heart of Germany.

3. The fighting instincts, esprit de corps, and outstanding tenacity of purpose of the officers and men of the 639th AAA AW Battalion, who chose to stay and slug it out, shoulder to shoulder with the Infantry, in the most critical battle of the European campaign, redounds to the glory of their Battalion, their Brigade, and their Army. The forceful leadership, high degree of personal courage, and technical and tactical skill of the officers and non-commissioned officers who led this hard-bitten battalion in the greatest military campaigns of all time, is directly reflected in the outstandiing achievements of the 639th AAA AW Battalion when the chips were down.

s/E. W. Timberlake
t/E. W. TIMBERLAKE
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS
49th ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BRIGADE
APO 230

MEMORANDUM. *Germany, 16 May 1945*

TO : All Officers and Men of the 639th AAA AW Battalion.

1. The following commendation of General Courtney H. Hodges, Commanding First U. S. Army, was addressed to the Commander of the Brigade, as the representative of the Brigade as a whole ; but it was earned by the individual officers and men through their continuous aggressive and efficient effort from the Beaches of Normandy to the crossings of the Elbe.

TO : Brigadier General Edward W. Timberlake, Commanding General, 49th AAA Brigade.

1. As we come to the close of our victorious campaign in Europe, I wish to express to you and through you to officers and men of your command, my deep appreciation for the loyalty, courage, and professional skill with which the 49th AAA Brigade has performed its combat duties.

2. 49th AAA Brigade antiaircraft units landed on the beaches of Normandy early on 6 June and rapidly established a concentration of antiaircraft unparalleled in density in any previous military operation preventing the enemy from seriously damaging any military installation or interrupting the flow of men and material so vital to the success of this operation. On the beaches many antiaircraft automatic weapons were committed in a ground role to neutralize the heavily fortified artillery positions which had escaped the destructive effect of the naval bombardment. In a role new to them, employing lightly armored weapons, and suffering heavy casualties, the gun crews performed this mission with exemplary fortitude.

3. From the moment construction was begun on the first airfield in France, 49th AAA Brigade units provided the antiaircraft defense, and continued throughout the operations on the Continent to provide protection for the tactical airfields in the Army area. At no time in the entire operations was our aircraft damaged on the ground at any airfield defended by your Brigade. On 28 March, the 49th AAA Brigade assumed reslonsibility for the antiaircraft, river and local ground security defenses of all bridges across the Rhine in the First Army sector. You accomplished this mission in an outstanding manner, no bridge being out of operation at any time due to enemy air action.

4. Your own driving leadership, technical skill and personal courage have won the respect of all who have observed the outstanding results you obtained. Your record of 271 enemy aircraft destroyed or probably destroyed speaks well for the high state of alert and the superior training your Brigade has received.

5. I desire to commend you on your outstanding achievements and to extend to you and to the 49th AAA Brigade my personal best wishes for continued success.

s/Courtney H. Hodges
t/COURTNEY H. HODGES
General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

2 My personal congratulations and heartfelt gratitude are extended to each and every officer and man upon your outstanding accomplishments and never failing support. Command of the Forty-Ninth Brigade from England, through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Holland, into the heart of Germany I consider a great privilege ; service in it, together with you, is a great honor.

3. The termination of the fighting in Europe does not remove the opportunities for other outstanding and equally difficult achievements in the days to come. In many ways the immediate future will demand more fortitude than has the past, for without the inspiration of combat, you must maintain, by your dress, deportment, and efficiency, not only the prestige of your unit, but also the honor of the United States. I have complete confidence that you will not fail.

s/E. W. Timberlake
t/E. W. TIMBERLAKE
Brigadier General U. S. Army
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS 70th INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 461, U. S. ARMY

13 June 1945

SUBJECT : Demonstration.

TO : Commanding General, 49th AAA Brigade, APO 230, U. S. Army.

1. The demonstration, prepared and staged by your brigade for selected officers and noncommissioned officers of the 70th Division, was a distinct credit to your organization and of general benefit to this command. It was my privilege to attend this demonstration, personally, and I particularly noted the attention given to preparation of positions, the efficiency of your personnel participating and above all, the enthusiasm of all members of your command who participated. This indicates a very high state of morale and esprit.

2. In behalf of the 70th Division, I extend to you thanks and appreciation for your efforts in staging this demonstration. It was enjoyed by all who witnessed it as observers.

s/A. J, Barnett
t/A. J. BARNETT
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

1st Ind. *EWT/rfa*

HEADQUARTERS, 49th AAA Brigade, APO 230, U. S. ARMY, 16 June 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 639th AAA AW Bn, APO 230, U. S. Army.

It is a great pleasure to pass on this commendation and add my personal congratulations to the officers and men of the 639th AAA AW Battalion for a job well done.

s/E. W. Timberlake
t/E. W. TIMBERLAKE
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, Eleventh Antiaircraft Artillery Group, APO 758 U. S. Army, 4 July 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 639th AAA AW Battalion, APO 230 U. S. Army.

The spirit in which your Battalion planned and efficiently carried out this demonstration was the same which won for them the reputation as an outstanding fighting unit in the war against Germany. Thus, I am pleased to forward this commendation and also add my personal congratulations to your officers and men.

s/Harry P. Newton
t/HARRY P. NEWTON
Colonel, C. A. C.
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS - FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 230

9 May 1945

SUBJECT : Commendation of Major General James A. Van Fleet, 03847.

TO : Major General James A. Van Fleet, Commanding General, III Corps, APO 303.

On this day of victory in Europe I want to congratulate you and the fighting III Corps on the contribution you have made to the defeat of the German Army.

From the time your corps joined First Army on 13 February through its relentless drive to the Rhine, the brilliant bridgehead operation at Remagen and the reduction of the Ruhr pocket its record has been an outstanding one. The troops under your command have fought with courage and determination. Your leadership has been forceful and inspiring.

I desire to commend you, your staff and the officers and men of the units who have served under you. Please let them know I am deeply appreciative of their accomplishments and accept my best personal wishes to you and to III Corps for continued success.

s/Courtney H. Hodges
t/COURTNEY H. HODGES
General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

200.6 (9 May 45) GNNCG *1st Ind.*

HEADQUARTERS III Corps, APO 303, U. S. Army, 26 May 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 639th AAA AW BN, APO 230, U. S. Army.

It is a pleasure to forward this commendation. Your command served as part of the III Corps from 11 March 1945 to 28 March 1945.

The repeated, outstanding accomplishments of the 639th AAA AW Battalion attest to the fine spirit with which its officers and men are imbued and reflect the high qualities of leadership of its commander.

s/J. A. Van Fleet
t/J. A. VAN FLEET
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS V CORPS
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 305, U. S. ARMY

16 June 1945

SUBJECT : Commendation.

THRU : Commanding General, Third U. S. Army, APO 403, U. S. Army.

TO : Commanding Officer, 115th AAA Group, APO 230, U. S. Army.

1. The 115th AAA Group was assigned to the V Corps early in 1944 and served continuously under this command until 25 May 1945. This period included the preparation and training phase in the United Kingdom prior to the assault on the beaches of Normandy, as well as the entire phase of active operations in Northern Europe. The Group served in the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia.

2. The high caliber of performance of the 115th AAA Group and its attached battalions makes it difficult, in reviewing such a long period of service, to single out particularly outstanding achievements. Among the most noteworthy accomplisments of your command, however, were the high standard of training achieved in a short period of time and against numerous obstacles in the preparation for the invasion ; the superior anti-aircraft protection afforded the forces under the command of the V Corps during the assualt and establishment of the Normandy beachhead, and the courageous and effective ground support missions executed by the battalions under your command to check the German counteroffensive in December 1944.

3. The program for future military operations has necessitated, after such a long periiod of outstanding service the relief of the 115th AAA Group from attachment to this command. The V Corps extends to all of you its sincere thanks and best wishes.

FOR THE CORPS COMMANDER :

s/S. B. Mason
t/S. B. MASON
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

AG 330.13 *5th Ind.*

HEADQUARTERS, 115th AAA Group, APO 403, U. S. Army, 12 July 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 639th AAA AW Battalion.

1. I desire to add my personal commendation to that of the Commanding General, V Corps.

2. The Antiaircraft Artillery Units which served in V Corps from 6 June 1944-12 May 1945 contributed to a great measure in the annihilation of the German Air Force which includes one hundred ninety-nine (199) enemy Aircraft destroyed and seventy-eight (78) probably destroyed. This splendid record is due solely to the excellent training, individual effort, determination and devotion to duty of each and every officer and enlisted man who has served under this command.

3. Please let your troops know that I am deeply appreciative of their achievements.

s/Peter S. Peca
t/PETER S. PECA
Colonel, CAC,
Commanding

CALAS STAGING AREA
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
APO 772

18 July 1945

SUBJECT : Commendation.

TO: Commanding Officer, Battery A, 639th AAA AW BN.

1. It is a pleasure to congratulate the personnel of A Battery of the 639th AAA AW BN on the excellent work they have done as Military Police in the Calas Staging Area. Their sincere attention, enthusiasm, and devotion to duty as exhibited have indeed been a credit to the service. This is particularly true in view of the fact that previous training and experience was not in this type of duty.

2. Captain Taylor and the Non-Commissioned officers of the Unit are to be commended for their efforts in maintaining the high standard of efficiency for which the Corps of Military Police are noted.

s/Robert C. Cunningham
t/ROBERT C. CUNNINGHAM
Major C. M. P.
Provost Marshal.

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, Calas Staging Area, APO 772, U. S. Army, 18 July 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, Battery A, 639th AAA AW BN, APO 772.

1. In conveying to you the message of commendation from Area Provost Marshal, I wish to express personally to each of you my deep gratification for the excellent performance of duty which has made possible the successful accomplishment of your mission on this post.

s/J. Totten Miesegaes
t/J. TOTTEN MIESEGAES
Colonel, TC,
Commanding.

CALAS STAGING AREA
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
APO 772

18 July 1945

SUBJECT : Commendation.

TO: Commanding Officer, Battery B, 639th AAA AW BN.

1. It is a pleasure to congratulate the personnel of B Battery of the 639th AAA AW BN on the excellent work they have done as Military Police in the Calas Staging Area. Their sincere attention, enthusiasm, and devotion to duty as exhibited have indeed been a credit to the service. This is particularly true in view of the fact that previous training and experience was not in this type of duty.

2. Captain Schaefer and the Non-Commissioned officers of the Unit are to be commended for their efforts in maintaining the high standard of efficiency for which the Corps of Military Police are noted.

s/Robert C. Cunningham
t/ROBERT C. CUNNINGHAM
Major C. M. P.
Provost Marshal.

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, Calas Staging Area, APO 772, U. S. Army, 18 July 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, Battery B, 639th AAA AW BN, APO 772.

1. In conveying to you the message of commendation from Area Provost Marshal, I wish to express personally to each of you my deep gratification for the excellent performance of duty which has made possible the successful accomplishment of your mission on this post.

s/Totten Miesegaes
t/J. TOTTEN MIESEGEAS
Colonel, TC,
Commanding.

OFFICERS AND MEN WHO SERVED WITH THE 639th

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ALABAMA

McKinney, William K.	Pvt	Alexander City
*Taylor, Jack	Cpl	Bessemer
*Cornelius, Frank V.	Pvt	Birmingham
Hubbard, J. D	Pvt	Boaz
*Sharp, Herman H.	T Sgt	Decatur
*Gray, Sherman D.	Pfc	Gadsden
McNeil, Ted	Pvt	Garland
*Sommer, Otto A.	Pfc	Grand Bay
*Coram, John F.	Pfc	Hardaway
Slater, Johnie H.	Pvt	Hartselle
*Elmore, Vernon	Pfc	Havana
Ridley, George T.	Pvt	Irvington
Stevens, Robert L.	Pvt	Midland City
*Holladay, Ellie No.	Pfc	Montgomery
*Smith, William H.	Major	Montgomery
Webster, Charlie E.	Pvt	Pratt City
*Fallon, John T.	Pvt	Prichard
*Hardy, Oker S.	Pfc	Russellville

ARIZONA

*Gentry, Julius H.	Tec 5	Phœnix

ARKANSAS

*Anderson, Teddie R.	Tec 4	Blytheville
*Tipton, Wade W.	Pfc	England
*Whitted, John A.	Cpl	Marvell
*Bible, Edgar R.	Pfc	Mena
*Redd, Walter E.	Pfc	Newport
*Gray, William W.	Pfc	Summit
*Hutcheson, Willard M.	Pfc	Tyronza

CALIFORNIA

*Erskine, Douglas	1st Lt	Almedia
*Olivero, Charles	Pfc	Big Pine
*Kaczmark, Milton J.	Pfc	Daly City
Hosa, Steve J. Jr.	Pvt	Glendale
*Ring, James J.	Pfc	Laytonville
*Sausedo, Gregory T.	Pvt	Lompoc
*Gould, Harry C.	Pvt	Long Beach
*Robbins, Foster N.	Pfc	Long Beach
*Fisher, Joseph Y.	Cpl	Los Angeles
*Freibrun, J. Louis	Capt	Los Angeles
Hodge, Victor B.	Pvt	Los Angeles
*Hogan, James W.	Pfc	Los Angeles
Stevenson, Vincent F.	Pvt	Los Angeles
*Burch, William A. Jr.	Pfc	Merced
*Fleitz, William A.	Tec 4	San Francisco
Kirkhofer, Maurice	Pvt	San Francisco
*Conrad, Donald J.	Pvt	San Leandro
*Contreras, Ernest F.	Pfc	Whittier

COLORADO

*Barnes, Lester	Tec 5	Bayfield
Graham, Ralph E.	Sgt	Denver
*Delgado, Salvador	Pfc	Eaton
*VanBuskirk, Orley J.	Pfc	Longmont
White, Edgar	1st Lt	Sun Valley

CONNECTICUT

*Brannelly, Lawrence P.	Pfc	Bridgeport
*Hagberg, Harry K.	Pvt	Bridgeport
Scinto, John P.	Pvt	Bridgeport

*Men serving with organization overseas.

CONNECTICUT (continued)

*Benoit, Arthur S.	Tec 5	Ces Cob
*Bukowski, Henry A.	Pfc	Cheshire
*DeFine, Roxy V.	Pfc	Danbury
*Koutrakos, Antonio A.	Pvt	Danielson
*Stopa, Frank J.	Sgt	Deep River
*McKinney, Harry W.	Pfc	East Hampton
*Smey, Steve J.	Pfc	Fairfield
Bodyk, Peter J.	Pfc	Greenwich
*Carmichael, Joseph C.	Cpl	Greenwich
*Cobb, Dale	Tec 4	Greenwich
*Gatto, Patsy F.	Cpl	Greenwich
Carpentino, Joseph E.	Pvt	Hamden
LaReau, Roger J.	Pvt	Hamden
*Luschenat, Wesley A.	Cpl	Hamden
*Melillo, Cosino A.	Pfc	Hamden
*Taglialatela, Frank J.	Pfc	Hamden
Anthony, James H.	Pvt	Hartford
Blasco, Joseph J.	Pfc	Hartford
*Chesnes, Victor J.	Cpl	Hartford
Damphouse, Raymond C.	Pvt	Hartford
Devito, William E.	Pvt	Hartford
Dupont, Albert F.	Pvt	Hartford
Farrell, Arthur J.	Pvt	Hartford
*Gallagher, Joseph M.	Pfc	Hartford
*Gallicchio, Victor E.	Pvt	Hartford
Holzheimer, Thomas	Pfc	Hartford
Mazzeo, Anthony	Pfc	Hartford
Miga, John P.	Pfc	Hartford
Malloy, Daniel F.	Pvt	Hartford
Nolin, Joseph H.	Pvt	Hartford
Richie, Francis J.	Pvt	Hartford
*Saul, William	Pvt	Hartford
Yanowitz, Hyman	Pvt	Hartford
*Graham, Arthur H.	Pfc	Meriden
Nessing, Joseph C.	Cpl	Meriden
Regnier, Charles E.	Pvt	Meriden
*Scates, Dennis F.	Pfc	Milford
*Birdsall, Wilford K.	Pfc	Naugatuck
*Goodwin, Clinton S.	Major	New Britain
Sledzik, Walter S.	Tec 4	New Britain
Arotsky, Abraham	Pvt	New Haven
Gulianello, Frank.	Pfc	New Haven
*King, Arthur F.	Tec 5	New Haven
*Myjak, Theodore F.	2d Lt	New Haven
Rappa, Frank	Pvt	New Haven
Redfield, Edward B.	Pvt	New Haven
*Rusecky, William C.	Pfc	New Haven
Shein, Isaiah	Pvt	New Haven
*Vogt, Brady L. Jr.	1st Lt	New Haven
*Nana, Joseph F.	Cpl	North Haven
Hastings, Gilbert J.	Pvt	Norwalk
Banas, Walter C.	Pfc	Norwich
*Feraco, Augustine	Cpl	Norwich
Ryan, Raymond T.	Pvt	Norwich
Socha, Alfred F.	Pvt	Norwich
*Korin, Michael	Pvt	Oxford
*Kingsley, Delbert C.	Tec 4	Riverside
*Hodjdich, John A.	Tec 4	Shelton
*Callaham, Frank T.	Pfc	Southington
*Weingartner, Edward R.	Pfc	South Norwalk
*Brennan, James T.	Pfc	Stamford
*Caruso, Peter P.	Pfc	Stamford
*Colabella, Louis A.	Pfc	Stamford
*Bendler, August R.	Pfc	Union City
Lockhart, Carlton E.	Pvt	Watertown
*Massa, Anthony J.	Sgt	West Hartford
*Gilson, Frank A.	Pfc	West Haven

DELAWARE

Short, William T. Jr.	Pvt	Bethany Beach
Purdham, William L.	Pvt	Centerville
*Zeni, Elwood	Pfc	Milford
*Shapley, Henry R.	Tec 5	Smyrna
*Burris, Elmer L.	Pfc	Wilmington
*Hardy, John K.	Pfc	Wilmington
Mitchell, Lelon C.	Tec 4	Wilmington
Riley, Michael	Ist Lt	Wilmington
*Sloniewski, Frank J.	Pfc	Wilmington

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*Harris, John C.	Pfc	Washington
Kinnear, John B.	Cpl	Washington
Roberts, Jack W.	Pvt	Washington
*Spano, Ralph	Pfc	Washington
Young, Charles G.	Lt Col	Washington

FLORIDA

*Whidden, Harold.	Cpl	Lake Wales
*Stevens, Alvin	Pfc	Miami
*Lewis, John A.	Tec 5	Pensacola
Uptagrafft, Herman C.	Pfc	Pensacola
*Griffith, Joseph A.	Cpl	St Petersburg
*Lodato, Americo S.	Pfc	Tampa
*Mitchell, Floyd.	Pfc	Tampa

GEORGIA

Lynch, Abner L.	Pvt	Alma
Morrow, Alfred	Ist Lt	Atlanta
*Walden, Ray L.	Pfc	Atlanta
*Hutchins, Mandeville B.	Pfc	Bartow
*Cantrell, Howard W.	Tec 4	Blue Ridge
Winkler, Tom.	Tec 5	Chatsworth
*Lane, Curtis R.	Pvt	Dallas
Corbin, Grover E.	Cpl	Dalton
McDaniel, Leon A.	Pvt	Glenwood
Townsend, Charles T.	Pvt	La Fayette
Morrow, Fred	Ist Lt	Macon
Crosby, Levi.	Pvt	Manassas
*Grimes, Oscar H.	Pfc	Milledgeville
*Curles, Russell.	Tec 4	Moultrire
*Dean, Rufus J.	Tec 5	Pavo
Powell, Sydney L.	Pvt	Rochelle
*Whittenburg, Doyle K.	Ist Lt	Rome
Jordon, William G.	Pfc	Royston
Burgess, Jack D.	Pfc	Savanah
Shaw, James L.	Pvt	Savanah
*Sheppard, Robert L.	Pfc	Tennille
*Burkett, Charlie D.	Pfc	Thomaston
Gibson, Robert L. Jr.	Pvt	Thomson

IDAHO

*Wood, Russell E.	Pvt	Idaho Falls

ILLINOIS

*Fritz, Virgil L.	Pfc	Alton
*Schramer, Richard J.	Pfc	Bativia
Sutterfield, William A.	Pvt	Cairo
Bonelli, John P.	Pvt	Carmi
Branon, Jesse C.	Sgt	Centralia
Arneson, Charles W.	Tec 4	Chicago
*Cichon, Julian J.	Cpl	Chicago
*Cutler, Sam J.	Pvt	Chicago
*Dilla, John P.	Pfc	Chicago
Enenstein, Philip.	Pvt	Chicago
Kielbasinski, Theodore S.	Sgt	Chicago
*Konopka, Edward A.	Pvt	Chicago
*Kosovski, Eugene D.	Pfc	Chicago
*Kowandy, Aloysius S.	Pfc	Chicago

ILLINOIS (continued)

*Krysti, Leonard E.	Tec 5	Chicago
Lawrence, Frelon A.	Pvt	Chicago
Lemoncello, Mario M.	Cpl	Chicago
Levinski, Dave.	Pfc	Chicago
*Linn, Carl W.	Tec 3	Chicago
*Majury, Robert W.	Pfc	Chicago
*Mikes, Emil	Pfc	Chicago
Schneider, Nathan J.	Cpl	Chicago
*Seifert, Raymond J.	S Sgt	Chicago
*Rosner, Raymond B.	Tec 5	Chicago
*Shumowski, Steve J.	Sgt	Chicago
*Skubal, Myron E.	Pfc	Chicago
*Socha, Edward S.	Pvt	Chicago
*Stob, John C.	Pfc	Chicago
Teevin, James A.	Pfc	Chicago
Tricola, Martin J.	Pvt	Chicago
Trynda, Stanley L.	Pvt	Chicago
*Weaver, John E.	Tec 5	Chicago
*Wilk, Sigsmund B.	Pfc	Chicago
*Vollbracht, Verle R.	Cpl	Clayton
Baker, Valmore.	Pvt	Creston
Taylor, Joseph S.	Pvt	Dallas City
*Weidig, Edmund F.	Pvt	Danville
*Hackbarth, Chester L.	Tec 5	Dixon
*Wickey, William K.	Pfc	Dixon
*Shelby, Jesse J.	Pvt	Fairfield
*Storm, Ernest A.	Cpl	Gardner
*Hospelhorn, Clarence M.	Pfc	Hudson
*De Nardo, Dominic A.	Pfc	Joliet
*Wallace, John E.	Tec 5	Joliet
Durr, Richard H.	Pvt	Kenilworth
Van Dierendonck, C. L.	Sgt	Kewanne
Hull, Herman H.	Pvt	Kirkwood
*Wilson, Ivan L.	Pfc	Lee Center
*Dye, John R.	Pfc	Metropolis
*Bracher, Robert E.	Tec 5	Moline
*Glick, Robert L.	Sgt	Mount Carmel
Staker, James E.	Pvt	Normal
*Ross, Albert F.	Pfc	Peoria
*Hill, Leamon D.	Pfc	Prophetstown
Treat, Francis L.	Pvt	Springfield
Jones, Ralph L.	Pvt	Sterling
Loman, William T. Jr.	Cpl	Tuscola
Long, Ralph E.	Pvt	Venice
Gehant, Carl A.	Tec 5	West Brooklyn

INDIANA

Sappenfield, Otto C.	Pvt	Bedford
*Mac Laverty, Sheldon A.	Pfc	Crown Point
*Fisher, Brice W.	Pvt	Decatur
*Halcarz, Walter	Pfc	East Chicago
*Sapita, Peter	Pfc	East Chicago
Ferro, Joseph A.	Cpl	Elkhart
Simmons, John L.	Pvt	Elkhart
*Martz, Raymond W.	Pfc	Fort Wayne
*Willey, Mark H.	Pfc	Franklin
*Bielak, John	Pfc	Gary
*Luck, Carl E.	Sgt	Gary
*Hayes, Robert C.	Cpl	Hammond
*Lang, Thomas W.	Sgt	Indianapolis
Robinson, Charles A.	Pvt	Indianapolis
*Gaither, Edward V.	Cpl	Jeffersonville
*Gorman, Gerald C.	Cpl	Knighstown
Simmons, Howard E.	Pvt	Marion
West, Ray S.	Pvt	Marion
*Eidy, Hammond	Pfc	Michigan City
Kaiser, Carl R.	Pvt	New Albany
Tankisley, Granville P.	Pvt	New Albany
*Moore, Harry S.	Pfc	New Ross
Knowles, Harry R.	Pvt	Owensville
*Eades, John W.	Pfc	Royal Centre
Williams, Louis	Tec 5	Shelbyville
*Riba, Robert L.	Pfc	South Bend

*Men serving with organization overseas.

INDIANA (continued)

*Udell, William H.	Pfc	South Bend
*Hann, Dallas D.	Pfc	Syracuse
*Pinkerton, Ralph J.	Pfc	Syracuse
*Barksdale, Robert R.	Cpl	Vincennes
Auterson, Arthur W.	Pvt	West Terre Haute

IOWA

*Larson, Benedick P. Jr.	1st Lt	Fort Dodge
*Gill, Albert M.	Tec 4	Louisville
*Hutchcroft, Richard C.	Pfc	Mediopolis
*Shepp, Max A.	2d Lt	Ottumwa
*Adams, Harry M.	Pvt	Sioux City

KANSAS

Fetty, James R.	Tec 4	Atchison
*Burke, Lawrence A.	Pvt	Frankfort
*Rollings, Edwin M.	Pfc	Eldorado
*Ireland, Frank G.	Pvt	Lawrence
*Myer, Virle A.	Pvt	Soldier
Brown, John A.	1st Sgt	Wichita

KENTUCKY

*White, Joe K.	Pfc	Burke
*Patrick. Hisel D.	Pfc	Carlisle
Shively, Charles H.	Pfc	Finley
*Clarke, Leonard G.	Pfc	Flatwoods
Ritchie, Edgar A.	Pvt	Hazzard
*Skaggs, Jim T.	Pfc	Hibernia
Trusty, South.	Pvt	Lee City
*Eades, Erbert B.	1st Lt	Lexington
*McLaughlin, James P.	Sgt	Lexington
*Bisotti, John	Tec 5	Liggett
*Block, Clement H.	Pfc	Louisville
*Peace, Alberten	Pfc	Magnolia
*Nolan, Tony	Pfc	Marydell
*Cantrell, Newell C.	Pfc	Opher
*Mayfield, Fielden L.	Pfc	Owensboro
*Bennett, Russell C.	Pfc	Paris
Allen, Carl W.	S Sgt	Pyramid
*Hogan, John D.	Pfc	Saint Helens
*Prater, Hargis	Pvt	Lackey

LOUISIANA

*Anders, Tyrus G.	Pfc	Arcadia
*Holland, John D.	Pvt	Lake Charles
Spillers, Hilton H.	Tec 4	Leesville
Billingsley, Herbert L.	Pvt	Logansport
Smith, Issac F.	Cpl	Sarepta
*Wilson, George E.	Cpl	Shreveport
*Faller, Charles	S Sgt	Tickfaw
Welsh, Dallas J.	Pvt	Vinton

MAINE

*Sousa, Ernest V.	Sgt	Augusta
Moores, Leonard B.	Pvt	Bangor
*Elwell, Albion K. P. Jr.	Tec 5	Brunswick
*Gagne, Doue A.	Tec 5	Brunswick
Dinass, George S.	Pvt	Brunswick
Allen, Chester E.	Pvt	Crescent Lake
Dean, Ronald E.	Tec 4	Dover
*Richardson, Paul A.	Sgt	Eastport
Day, Benjamin A.	Pvt	Freyburg
*Buzzell, Arthur A.	Tec 5	Gardner
Bisbee, Thomas S.	Pvt	Harrison
*Cunion, Edward J.	Pfc	Lewiston
*Willihan, Lawrence H.	Tec 5	Lewiston
*Murphy, Robert A.	1st Lt	Lincoln
Kobs, Edward A.	T Sgt	Lincolnville Beach
*Civiello, Louis D.	Pfc	Millinockett

MAINE (continued)

*Sinclair, Ernest C.	Tec 5	Milo
Edwards, Arnold W.	Pfc	Naples
*Winslow, Robert E.	Pfc	North Windham
*Lougee, Leonard R.	Pfc	Oakfield
Lamb, Ralph Jr.	Pfc	Otisfield
*Hodgkins, Charles E. Jr.	Tec 4	Pittsfield
Lund, Raymond E.	Cpl	Portland
*Burden, Merrel L. D.	Pfc	Presque Isle
*Wilson, Amos W.	Pfc	South Brewer
Sirois, Emanuel	Tec 5	Van Buren
*Paradis, Helidore J.	Pfc	Walterville
Korhonen, Leo	Pvt	West Paris

MARYLAND

*West, Alvin L.	Cpl	Aberdeen
Finnerty, William H.	Pfc	Baltimore
Haines, Joel F.	Pvt	Baltimore
*Spong, Charles D.	Tec 5	Cabin John
Reid, Harry Jr.	Pvt	Crisfield
Ross, Ervin L.	Pvt	Elk Mills
Medford, Marvin R.	Pfc	Greensboro
*Spiering, George H.	Pfc	Greensboro
*West, Melvin L.	Tec 5	Hyattsville
Ingalls.	1st Lt	

MASSACHUSETTS

*McDonald, Edward J.	Tec 3	Acushnet
*Williams, Stanley E.	Pfc	Allston
Tourigney, Joseph M.	Pvt	Athol
*Burrill, Vernard E.	Cpl	Ayer
*O'malley, Edward P.	Pfc	Ayer
*Kempt, Warren O.	Pfc	Belchertown
*Trowbridge, Leonard E.	Tec 5	Belmont
Jamesison, James	Pvt	Boston
*Imbornone, Gino	Pfc	Boston
*Kaplan, Charles R.	Pfc	Boston
*Kurtzer, Robert H.	Cpl	Boston
*Radzik, Edward T.	Pfc	Boston
Weidemann, Edward A.	Pvt	Boston
*Rego, Arthur P.	Pfc	Bridgewater
*Handy, Merritt F. Jr.	Pfc	Brighton
Berquist, Knut H.	Pfc	Brookline
*Hebert, Robert	Pfc	Cambridge
Sodi, Joseph	Pfc	Cambridge
*Scadding, Joseph P.	Pvt	Charlestown
*Wallace, Glenn L.	Tec 5	Chelmsford
*Zadroga, Joseph	Pfc	Chelsea
*Keane, William M.	Pfc	Clinton
Dunn, Joseph S.	Pfc	Cohassett
*Frechette, Joseph A.	Pfc	Collinsville
Katchpole, Herbert P.	Pvt	Dedham
Noonan, John W.	Pvt	Dedham
*Beradi, Tulio F.	Cpl	Dorchester
*Bouzan, William H.	Pfc	Dorchester
*Gangi, Dominic	Tec 4	Dorchester
*Jackman, Edward J.	S Sgt	Dorchester
*Wait, William F.	Pfc	Dorchester
Wassell, John J.	Pvt	Dorchester
Spada, Leo N.	Pvt	E. Boston
Rootovich, Dominic C. Jr.	Pvt	E. Pepperell
*Ferreira, Daniel R.	Pfc	Fairhaven
Recard, Uldege	Pvt	Forge Village
*Sedach, John	Pfc	Forge Village
*Scappaticci, Vito D.	Cpl	Franklin
*Klahn, Francis C.	T Sgt	Great Barrington
*Gazda, Edward H.	Pfc	Holyoke
*Alishoski, Andrew W.	Cpl	Hudson
*Leonard, George H. Jr.	Pfc	Islington
*Fiori, Louis C.	Pfc	Lawrence
*Jaglowski, Stanley T.	Pfc	Lawrence
*Keating, Joseph J.	Cpl	Lawrence
Cariety, Louis W.	Pvt	Lenox Dale

*Men serving with organization overseas.

MASSACHUSETTS (continued)

Carchidi, George M.	Pvt	Leominster
*Feltri, Mario	Pfc	Leominster
Ciccone, Armando R.	Pvt	Leominster
Jones, Frank W.	Pvt	Leominster
Pepin, Hector J.	Pvt	Leominster
Thomas, Alfred H.	Pvt	Leominster
Arcand, Robert P.	Pvt	Lowell
*Bozek, Edward J.	Cpl	Lowell
*Brine, Alton D.	Pfc	Lowell
McKenna, Jeremiah P.	Cpl	Lowell
*Rodriques, Raphael	Sgt	Ludlow
Godfrey, Elmer	Pfc	Lynn
*Lobb, George A.	Pvt	Lynn
*Olsen, Stanley	Sgt	Lynn
Wynn, Bennie L.	Pvt	Lynn
Devlin, Francis H.	Pvt	Mattapan
*Dunay, Melvin Y.	Pvt	Mattapan
*Finn, George J.	Cpl	Mattapan
*Dziadus, John T.	Pfc	Melrose Highlands
Mullen, Francis E.	Pvt	Middleborro
Pike, Samuel E.	Pvt	Middleborro
*Rose, Anthony	Pfc	Milton
*Williams, John P	Pfc	Nahant
*Cedrone, Donato	Tec 4	Newton
*Glennon, William J	Pvt	N. Attleboro
*Beauchamp, Walter J	S Sgt	N. Ubridge
*Fahey, Francis P.	Pfc	N. Weymouth
*Olsen, Henry I.	Tec 4	Orange
*Brown, Wayne L.	Pfc	Palmer
*Adler, Hans J.	Cpl	Pittsfield
*Malkowski, Joseph	Pfc	Pittsfield
*Glennon, William J	Pfc	Plainville
*Gould, Ario R.	Pfc	Plymouth
*Manfredi, Amedio.	Tec 5	Plymouth
*Ayan, George E.	Pfc	Roslindale
*Sullivan, John P.	Pfc	Roxbury
*Castagnetti, Joseph	Pfc	Somerville
Corbeil, Harvey G.	Pfc	Somerville
Gardalla, William H.	Pfc	Somerville
McDonald, Roland J.	Pvt	Somerville
DeMagio, Peter S	Pvt	S. Boston
Dicola, George S.	Pvt	S. Boston
McKinzie, Vincent P.	Pvt	S. Boston
Prescott, Frank N.	Pfc	S. Boston
Walsh, Gerald P.	Pvt	S. Boston
*Blodgett, Wendell R.	Tec 5	Southbridge
*Wisniski, Matthew J.	Pfc	S. Deerfield
*Graves, Leamon H.	Pfc	S. Lancaster
*Bourgeois, Arthur J.	Pfc	Springfield
*Doorly, Paul H.	Ist Lt	Stoneham
Barbeau, Norman C.	Cpl	Taunton
Mediers, Francis L.	Pvt	Taunton
Orsi, Francis J.	Ist Lt	Taunton
Traversi, Sebastiano.	Pvt	Taunton
Wood, Howard F.	Pvt	Taunton
*Poitras, Arthur J.	Cpl	Three Rivers
Bosma, Richard W.	Pvt	Uxbridge
*Oleksyk, Walter J.	Cpl	Uxbridge
*Crandall, David W.	Pvt	Wakefield
Kindler, Harold H.	Cpl	Webster
*Poluzzi, Adus J.	Pfc	Wellesley
Carver, William K.	Pvt	Westford
Buscemi, Angelo	Pvt	W. Grotch
*Lowe, Kenneth M.	Pfc	W. Medford
*Jerome, Dominick	Cpl	W. Midway
*Pappas, Paul J.	Pfc	W. Roxbury
Connell, Charles W.	Pvt	W. Springfield
*Genovese, Philip P.	Pfc	Winthrop
*Lorance, Joseph F.	Pfc	Winthrop
*Meuse, Joseph J.	Tec 5	Woxburn
Barbour, Walter A.	Pvt	Worchester
Butkevitch, Raphael A.	Pvt	Worchester
*McGrath, Patrick F.	Cpl	Worchester
*Coffey, James R.	Tec 4	Worthington

*Men serving with organization overseas.

MICHIGAN

Cope, Ben C.	Pfc	Ann Arbor
Bradley, Flavian E.	Pfc	Belleville
Mushenski, Robert F.	Pfc	Dearborn
Smith, Lloyd	Pfc	Dearborn
*Beisiegel, Henry D.	Pfc	Detroit
*Curtis, Harry W.	Pfc	Detroit
*Green, Meyer H.	Capt	Detroit
*Jerzewski, Thomas A.	Pfc	Detroit
Lewis, Leonard C.	Pfc	Detroit
*Powell, Cecil J.	Sgt	Detroit
*Smyczynski, Stepen J.	Tec 5	Detroit
Volinski, Chester W.	Tec 5	Detroit
*Wade, William D.	Pfc	Detroit
Fisher, Lawrence V.	Pfc	Flint
*Jackson, Harold B.	Pfc	Flint
*Bailey, James R.	Tec 5	Fltshing
*Hinton, Robert H.	Pfc	Grand Haven
*Danevicz, Edward J.	Sgt	Grand Rapids
Laderook, Wendelll B.	Pvt	Lake Orion
*Hatt, Harland H.	Pfc	Lansing
Mortensen, Robert G.		Luddington
*Colpaert, Raymond M.	Pvt	Monroe
*Snyder, Alton L.	Pvt	Monroe
*Ainslie, Glenn H.	Pfc	Nashville
*Juttila, Charles A.	Pvt	Megaunee
*Carter, Fred L.	Ist Lt	Ovid
Parris, Melvin O.	Pvt	Pontiac
Pevitt, Edward	Tec 4	Romeo
*Lehman, Delos P.	Tec 5	Saginaw
Morilick, Archie	Pfc	Saginaw
*Menard, Bernard C.	Pfc	Seult Ste Marie
*Skendrovic, Francis S.	Tec 5	Springlake
*Hager, Myron G.	Pfc	Wayne
*Foster, Paul E.	Pvt	Williamstown

MINNESOTA

*Gay, Robert R.	Cpl	Burtrum
Johnson, Elmer.	Pfc	Clearbrook
Mormandin, George	Tec 5	Crookston
*Lye, John P.	Tec 5	Daniers
Kavanagh, Thomas C.	Tec 5	De Graff
McParlan, Robert R.	Tec 4	Duluth
*Jelle, Arthur N.	Tec 5	East Grand Forks
*Pulis, Frank	Pvt	Ely
Blythe, Hubert	Pvt	Faribault
*Jonson, Lyder	Tec 4	Hutchinson
Bartels, Walter W.	Pvt	Jackson
*Ketchum, Ray E.	Tec 5	Kerrick
Samelson, Elmer C.	Pvt	Lake Park
*Lefteau, Robert E.	Pfc	Le Sueur
*Lundon, Patrick D.	Pfc	Mahnomen
*Granum, Mikeal	Cpl	Minneapolis
*Hanson, William D.	Pvt	Minneapolis
Lofgren, Curtis E.	Tec 4	Minneapolis
Prihau, Aleck A.	Pvt	Moorehead
Skauge, Nickicli P.	Tec 4	Moorehead
*Gregory, Royl E.	Tec 5	Naytahwaush
Ellingson, Russel	Tec 5	Northfield
Brewer, Rolland P.	Pvt	Park Rapids
Kiekow, Carl F.	Pfc	Park Rapids
Robertson, Clarence	Pfc	Park Rapids
Torba, James L.	Pfc	St Louis
*Peters, Sherman H.	Pfc	St Paul
*Roinestad, George E.	WOJG	St Paul
Gronner, Alvin C.	S Sgt	Underwood
*Gohman, Eugene F.	Pfc	Waite Park

MISSISSIPPI

*Murley, Clarence L.	Pfc	Booneville
*Watson, Henry R.	Tec 5	Calhoun City
*Dixon, David M. Jr.	Pfc	Liberty

MISSISSIPPI (continued)

Smith, Donzle	Pvt	McGee
*Watts, Vernon P.	Pfc	Purvis
*Caston, Julius T.	Tec 4	Summit

MISSOURI

*Brackney, Darcy F.	Pfc	Dexter
*Sloan, Rolla A.	Tec 5	Ellington
*Cantrell, Levi E. Jr.	Ist Sgt	Holden
*Burke, Gene A.	T Sgt	Joplin
Monahan, Grover C. Jr.	Pvt	Kansas City
Walker, Harold D.	Cpl	Kansas City
*Williams, Estle E.	Pfc	Kansas City
*Cornelison, Roy B.	Sgt	Lebanon
Muench, Merlyn J.	Pfc	Normandy
*Schwartz, Bruce	Ist Lt	St Louis
Pryor, James H.	Pvt	Senath

MONTANA

*McBride, Murray W.	Pfc	Billings
*Michaelis, Henry	Pfc	Laurel
*Nielson, Mark I.	Cpl	Missuola
*Thompson, Frank L.	Cpl	Musselshell

NEBRASKA

*Briggs, Lonnie W.	Pfc	Lincoln
*Nelson, Donald A.	Pfc	Randolf

NEVADA

Coe, John D.	Pvt	Boulder City

NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Jordon, Calvin M.	Cpl	Berlin
*Dyment, Willis S. Jr.	Cpl	Concord
Shackford, Leslie T.	Pvt	East Madison
*Dorry, Roy E.	Pfc	Hancock
Thibeault, George A.	Pvt	Keene
*Eastman, Richard H.	Pfc	Lancaster
*Korahakis, Steve L.	Pfc	Manchester
Greene, Ralph	Pfc	Pittsfield
*Schock, Richard E.	Pfc	Portsmouth
Hanks, Morris B.	Pvt	Whitefield
Thomas, Ralph W.	Pvt	Whitefield
*Solasz, Thomas J.	Pfc	Winchester

NEW JERSEY

Iezzi, Quintilio A.	Tec 4	Atlantic Highlands
*Saverock, Frank T.	Tec 5	Avend
*Walsh, Charles.	Pfc	Bayonne
*Adubato, John P.	Tec 5	Belford
*Keen, Henry M.	Tec 5	Bellemeade
*Shaughnessy, James P.	Tec 4	Belleville
Krzykwa, John T.	Pvt	Bloomfield
*Madden, Leon J.	Pfc	Bloomfield
*Schaefer, James E.	Capt	Bloomfield
*Kessler, Harold E.	Pfc	Butler
Ippolite, Alfonso D.	Pvt	Camden
*Amico, Salvatore	Pvt	Clifton
Castello, Frank	Pvt	Clifton
Libak, William	Cpl	Clifton
*Ralph, Harold E.	Pvt	Clifton
*Vuoncino, Richard A.	Tec 5	Clifton
Birk, William J.	Cpl	East Orange
*Lobasco, Michael J. Jr.	Pfc	East Patterson
Pirozzi, Sam.	Pfc	East Patterson
*Madorma, Peter J. Jr.	Pfc	Elizabeth

*Men serving with organization overseas.

NEW JERSEY (continued)

*Johnson, Sherwood W.	Tec 5	Far Hills
*Dignan, Gerald J.	Sgt	Fort Lee
McWater, Bernard P.	Pvt	Harrison
Dawson, Thomas J.	Pfc	Hasbrouck Heights
Cooper, William H.	Pfc	Hawthorne
Volger, Edward J.	Pfc	Hawthorne
*McBride, Joseph P.	Pvt	Hoboken
*Walczewski, Walter S.	Tec 5	Hoboken
*Berger, David	Cpl	Jersey City
*Flynn, David R.	Pvt	Jersey City
*Kossman, Howard T.	Sgt	Jersey City
*Libertelli, Anthony J.	Pfc	Jersey City
*Ohlers, Francis J.	Tec 5	Jersey City
Redenna, Lewis B.	Pvt	Jersey City
Shudy, Joseph J.	Pvt	Jersey City
Kusiak, John J.	Pvt	Keyport
*Patterson, Stephen N.	S Sgt	Keyport
*Feduniak, John	Sgt	Linden
Addeo, Carmen	Pvt	Long Beach
*James, William H.	Ist Sgt	Lyndhurst
Henkel, Andrew M.	Cpl	Manville
*Bradley, Peter R.	T Sgt	Morris Plains
*Philhower, Albert D.	Pfc	Morris Plains
Baker, Elisha R. Jr.	Pfc	Mt Lakes
*Avetzuk, Stephen	Pvt	Newark
*Benedetti, Louis A.	Pfc	Newark
*Brodnick, Leonard	Tec 5	Newark
*Dovener, John L.	Pfc	Newark
*Duddy, Thomas J.	Tec 5	Newark
*Gesumaria, Nicholas J.	Cpl	Newark
*Rapicka, Frank	Pvt	Newark
Green, Abe	Pvt	Newark
*Kisylia, Peter F.	Pfc	Newark
*Leeson, Lyle E.	Ist Lt	Newark
*Morahan, Matthew J.	T Sgt	Newark
Packett, Henry W.	Pvt	Newark
*Regienczuk, John	Pvt	Newark
*Scannella, Harry N.	Pfc	Newark
*Wasserman, Irving	Ist Lt	New Monmouth
*San Philip, Ignatus	Tec 5	North Arlington
Moeiter, Allan	Pvt	North Bergen
*Gibbons, Gilbert J.	Sgt	Orange
Riggio, Joseph E.	Pfc	Passaic
Barbarisi, Mario	Pvt	Patterson
Maher, Louis	Pfc	Patterson
*McIntyre, Howard O.	Pfc	Patterson
*Murphy, Thomas M. Jr.	CWO	Phillipsburg
*Dinunzi, Joseph P.	S Sgt	Plainfield
*Felsman, Rudolf J.	Pfc	Red Bank
*Panarotto, Nataline	Sgt	Ridgefield
*Van Dyke, John B.	Sgt	Ridgefield
Marks, Thomas W. Jr.	Pvt	Ringoes
*Galuppo, Eugene F.	Pvt	Roselle
*Walck, Leroy A.	Cpl	Roselle
Hess, Fred L.	2d Lt	Sommerville
*Sisco, George H.	Tec 5	Stockholm
Bernasz, John V.	Pvt	Sussex
Wassuta, Steve	Pvt	Tenafly
Seeds, Raymond B.	Tec 5	Trenton
Simisak, John N.	Tec 5	Trenton
*Kenny, Frank B.	Ist Lt	Union
Coppola, Joseph L.	Pvt	Union City
*Coleman, Howard F.	Cpl	Washington
*Mechler, Charles T.	Pvt	West New York
*Murphy, William F. Jr.	Cpl	Woodbridge
*O'Brion, Thomas T.	Pfc	Woodbridge

NEW MEXICO

*Fierro, Santiago	Tec 5	Carlsbad
Trujillo, Joe E.	Pvt	Costillo
*Crunk, Alvin R.	Pfc	Luna
*Crunk, Melvin R.	Pfc	Luna
*Bernal, Cristobal	Pvt	Raton

NEW YORK

*Bartholomew, Francis W.	Pfc	Albany
*Van Dyke, Frank W.	Pfc	Albany
*Wood, Maynard P.	Capt	Alexandria Bay
Cravis, Jesse H.	Pfc	Altamont
*Castelluccio, Alexander	Pfc	Astoria
*Murphy, Daniel F.	Pvt	Astoria
*Borfitz, John M.	Tec 5	Atkins
Shappey, Arthur E.	Pvt	Auburn
*Gondoli, Sammy J.	Pfc	Baldwin
*Judd, Gordon M.	Cpl	Batavia
Ireland, Charles A.	Pfc	Batavia
Rogers, Clyde J.	Pvt	Beechurst
Butts, Harold P.	Tec 5	Binghamton
Cahill, William R.	Pfc	Binghamton
*Gilbert, George	Pvt	Binghamton
*Green, Charles C.	Tec 5	Binghamton
*Klimow, Stephen	Cpl	Binghamton
*Norton, Raymond B.	Pvt	Binghamton
*Amarino, Augustine A.	Pvt	Bronx
*Bartlack, Joseph	Pvt	Bronx
*Giglio, Leopold	Pfc	Bronx
*Giordano, Anthony C.	Pfc	Bronx
*Guidice, Michael J.	Pvt	Bronx
Joyce, John F.	Pvt	Bronx
*Hartstein, Arthur	Tec 5	Bronx
Katz, Arthur	Cpl	Bronx
*Lewis, Frank	Pvt	Bronx
Marra, Anthony C.	Pvt	Bronx
Morrissey, John T.	Pvt	Bronx
*Paolercio, Angelo	Pfc	Bronx
*Pavlovsky, John W.	Cpl	Bronx
Rosenstein, Samuel L.	Pvt	Bronx
Spack, Michael	Sgt	Bronx
*Tirado, Charles R. Jr.	Pvt	Bronx
Wishnoff, Ralph	Pfc	Bronx
Wolf, Seymour M.	Cpl	Bronx
*Abbamonte, Lawrence J.	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Andrews, Raymond	Tec 5	Brooklyn
Behan, James J.	Pvt	Brooklyn
Bunting, Michael J.	Cpl	Brooklyn
*Carcaci, Edward S.	Pvt	Brooklyn
Cariello, Frank P.	Pvt	Brooklyn
*Catapano, Pasquale A.	Pfc	Brooklyn
Cona, Angelo	Pfc	Brooklyn
Delfino, Deigo J.	Pvt	Brooklyn
Desola, Joseph	Pvt	Brooklyn
*DiNanno, Vito	Pvt	Brooklyn
*Dunn, Howard J.	Tec 5	Brooklyn
*Durante, Jack	Sgt	Brooklyn
Farrell, George A.	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Fazzone, Pasquale	Pvt	Brooklyn
Ferrarra, Salvatore	Pvt	Brooklyn
Frank, Henry	Pvt	Brooklyn
*Frasca, Armond C. Jr.	1st Lt	Brooklyn
*Fursich, Lewis L.	Cpl	Brooklyn
*Gennone, Michael J.	Pfc	Brooklyn
Giannono, Joseph B.	Pvt	Brooklyn
Gilsenberg, Murray D.	Pvt	Brooklyn
*Grosso, Joseph	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Hunt, Albert J.	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Imbriale, Michael W.	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Lodato, Joseph S.	Pfc	Brooklyn
Lanzo, Joseph	Pvt	Brooklyn
*Mahoney, John R.	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Marullo, Vincent H.	Pvt	Brooklyn
*Masiello, Mauro	Pvt	Brooklyn
Mauro, Emil	Tec 4	Brooklyn
Panyko, Andrew	S Sgt	Brooklyn
*Parascandola, Dominik A.	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Pelkington, Robert H.	Sgt	Brooklyn
*Provenzano, Larry	Pfc	Brooklyn
Rappaport, Abe	Pvt	Brooklyn
Rini, Horatio P.	Capt	Brooklyn
Rothenhaus, Irving	Pfc	Brooklyn

NEW YORK (continued)

*Sanders, Maurice G.	Capt	Brooklyn
*Santoro, John D.	Pfc	Brooklyn
Sassen, Hans P.	Pvt	Brooklyn
*Scarpati, Ralph J.	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Schultze, William	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Seliger, Harry	Pfc	Brooklyn
Sharkey, Raymond J.	Pvt	Brooklyn
Simcox, Joseph T.	Pvt	Brooklyn
*Smith, Walter S.	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Spaulding, Thomas C.	Pvt	Brooklyn
*Albergo, Anthony M.	Pvt	Brooklyn
*Striffler, Herbert L.	Tec 5	Brooklyn
*Trunce, Peter	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Venezia, Michael N.	S Sgt	Brooklyn
*Wallace, William A.	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Williams, William J.	Pfc	Brooklyn
*Brzezinski, Conrad W.	Pfc	Buffalo
Fuller, Egbert W.	Pvt	Buffalo
Globus, Daniel L.	Pvt	Buffalo
*Hanretty, Francis J.	Cpl	Buffalo
Heissenberger, August	Pvt	Buffalo
*Kelly, John J.	S Sgt	Buffalo
Lackey, Milford L.	Pvt	Buffalo
*Leto, Paul	Cpl	Buffalo
McMann, James V.	S Sgt	Buffalo
*McNamara, John J.	Pfc	Buffalo
Metzger, Bernard J.	Sgt	Buffalo
*Rumpl, Henry E.	Tec 5	Buffalo
*Rzeznik, Stanley J.	Pvt	Buffalo
*Turchiarelli, Felix C.	Pvt	Buffalo
*Victor, Joseph W.	Pfc	Buffalo
*Taylor, Donald C.	Capt	Cazenovia
*Muzzillo, Oscar E.	S Sgt	Cedarhurst
Lamphear, Richard F.	Pvt	Chatham
*Edwards, Emmett	Pfc	Cherry Valley
*Komorek, Stanley J.	Tec 4	Clayville
Glover, Harold G.	Tec 4	Cohocton
*Falk, Harry H.	Pfc	Corning
Hatter, Philip R.	Pvt	Corning
*Randall, Zeno S.	Pvt	Corning
*Lee, Claude	Pfc	Courtland
*Smith, Alfred J.	Pfc	Delhigh
Jackucionis, Charles	Pvt	Earlville
Ventura, Joseph Jr.	Tec 4	East Rochester
*Sherman, Charles E.	Pfc	Elbridge
Frischling, Harry M.	Pfc	Ellenville
*Everts, Robert C.	Cpl	Endicott
Ferraccioli, Anthony	Pfc	Endicott
Houck, Lee C.	Pvt	Forestville
Agnitti, John L.	Pfc	Freeport
Hull, David N.	Pvt	Freeport
*Molinari, Andrew	Sgt	Fulton
Petrella, Anthony G.	Pfc	Garnersville
Egbert, William M.	Pvt	Geneva
*Johnson, Roy C.	Tec 5	Glen Cove
Smith, Bernard A.	Pvt	Glen Cove
*Holly, Matthew M.	Cpl	Glendale
*Zambri, John M.	Pfc	Gloversville
Poshkus, Bernard	Tec 5	Great Neck
*Belcastro, John V.	Pfc	Greenville
*Ovitt, Charles E.	Tec 4	Hadley
*Jones, Norbert L.	Pfc	Hamburg
*Duryea, George Sr.	Pfc	Hartsdale
*Kowalski, Henry J.	Pfc	Hicksville
*Barrett, Aldis W.	Pfc	Hinckley
Bradle, Howard E.	Pvt	Hirkimer
*Zawada, Edward	Pfc	Holland Patent
*Stannard, Lester C.	Sgt	Homer
*Calabria, Oscar E.	S Sgt	Inwood
Mannix, Frank W.	Sgt	Jamaica
*Tyler, Joseph J.	Pfc	Jamaica
*Van Buskirk, Bernard L.	Pfc	Johnson City
*Lyke, Raymond T.	Pfc	Kingston
*Arsenault, Maxwell F.	Tec 5	Lake Placid

*Men serving with organization overseas.

NEW YORK (continued)

*Sprague, Roy E.	Tec 5	Leroy
*Buzyniski, Stanley J.	Cpl	Lockport
*Schellace, Joseph J.	Pvt	Locust Point
*Martin, George J.	Pfc	Long Island City
Michny, Frank I.	S Sgt	Long Island City
Zambuto, Nicholas N.	Pfc	Long Island City
*Wagner, Carl	Cpl	Lyons
Giorgio, Joseph M.	Pvt	Mamaroneck
*Jaworski, Wladyslaw	Tec 5	Maspeth
Williams, David T. Jr.	Pvt	Maspeth
Griswald, Robert J.	Pfc	Naples
*Lowe, Carroll L.	1st Lt	Newark
*Decker, James F.	Pfc	Newburgh
*Irving, James H.	Cpl	Newburgh
Allison, Charles H.	Pfc	New York
Ametrano, John	Pvt	New York
*Arico, Anthony J.	Pvt	New York
Bennett, William J.	Pvt	New York
*Bernhardt, Henry E.	Pfc	New York
*Bill, Max	Pfc	New York
*Biondi, Joseph A.	Pfc	New York
*Bodansky, Ralph	Tec 5	New York
Calderon, Issac	Pfc	New York
Carter, Bernard R.	Pvt	New York
*Curran, John J.	Sgt	New York
*D'Angelo, Bernard L.	S Sgt	New York
Dwyer, Thomas J.	Pfc	New York
*Forgue, Arthur J.	Pfc	New York
Gill, Harry G.	Pvt	New York
*Gonzales, Angelo	Pvt	New York
*Gross, Milton	Tec 5	New York
*Hamilton, Willie	S Sgt	New York
*Hearon, Eugene T.	Pvt	New York
Hughes, Clifton C.	Pvt	New York
Jennings, Everett	Pvt	New York
Kennan, Thomas J.	Pfc	New York
*Kuszycki, William	Pfc	New York
*Lafergola, Frank A.	Pfc	New York
*Laskau, Morris	2d Lt	New York
Layet, Michael A.	Pfc	New York
Lieberman, Louis H.	S Sgt	New York
*Liguori, Matteo	Pvt	New York
*Mahoney, Joseph S.	Tec 4	New York
*Marollo, Nicholas R.	Pfc	New York
*McDonough, Joseph P.	Pfc	New York
*McGarry, Thomas J.	Pfc	New York
McNamara, Joseph E.	Pvt	New York
*Miller, Fred S.	Pfc	New York
*Mullen, Edward J.	Cpl	New York
*Nagel, Joseph F.	Pfc	New York
*O'Donohue, Thomas J.	Capt	New York
O'Reilly, Hubert M.	Pvt	New York
*Pagano, Nick	Pfc	New York
*Peroni, Emil A.	Pfc	New York
Phillips, Howard	Pvt	New York
*Procida, Sam J.	Pfc	New York
Quinn, Joseph A.	Pvt	New York
Regan, Thomas B.	Cpl	New York
*Rodrique, George	Tec 5	New York
*Rooney, John E.	Pfc	New York
Schaeffer, Paul	Pvt	New York
*Semple, John Sr.	Pvt	New York
Sierra, Leo W.	Pvt	New York
Soto, Oscar	Pvt	New York
*Vento, Accursio P.	Pfc	New York
Mokhiber, Annis	Tec 4	Niagara Falls
Maguire, Francis B.	Pfc	North Tarrytown
Konieczny, Bernard	Pvt	North Tonawanda
*Spano, John C.	S Sgt	Norwich
*Watts, Albert E.	Ist Lt	Olean
*Ehlers, Norman F.	S Sgt	Orchard Park
*Hogan, William E.	Tec 5	Oswego
Pecora, Philip F.	Tec 4	Oswego
Adomsky, John L. Jr.	Pvt	Oyster Bay

NEW YORK (continued)

Hicks, Charles R.	Pfc	Painted Point
*McMann, Thomas J.	Pfc	Painted Point
*Sherman, Ronald C.	Cpl	Perry
Carroll, George W.	Pfc	Plattsburgh
*Pratt, Charles K.	Pfc	Port Byron
*King, Arnold R.	Pfc	Port Henry
*De Fante, Domenick A.	Pvt	Rochester
*Evans, Robert A.	Cpl	Rochester
*Julian, Peter G.	Pfc	Rochester
*Kelly, Louis M.	Pfc	Rochester
*Montanaro, Anthony F.	Pfc	Rochester
*Mymit, Isadore	Sgt	Rochester
*Nellis, Harry E.	Tec 4	Rochester
Pato, Samuel V.	Pvt	Rochester
*Pierce, Stuart E.	Pfc	Rochester
Pucci, Joseph	Pvt	Rochester
*Sciarabba, August P. Jr.	Tec 5	Rochester
Van De Walle, William R.	Pfc	Rochester
*Wantke, Stanley A.	Cpl	Rochester
*West, Bruce G.	Pfc	Rochester
Gronoski, Edward	Pvt	Roslyn
*Gilbert, Louis F.	S Sgt	Rye
Everest, John D.	Pfc	Schuyler Falls
*Hendershott, Charles R.	Cpl	Scottsburg
Pawlyszn, Louis	Pvt	Seneca Falls
*Bruce, Scott D. Jr.	Pvt	South Glens Falls
Poyer, Walter J.	Cpl	Summit
Gruter, Frederick J.	Pvt	Sunnyside
*Fioramonti, Joseph C.	Cpl	Syracuse
Gallucci, Nicholas D.	Pvt	Syracuse
*Gronau, James W.	Pfc	Syracuse
*Hannam, Albert Jr.	Tec 5	Syracuse
*Hooper, William G.	Cpl	Syracuse
*Wyville, Charles E.	Pvt	Syracuse
*Hatzmann, Howard G.	Tec 3	Thornwood
*Morris, John G.	Pfc	Tonawanda
Schuppenhauer, Otis A.	Cpl	Tonawanda
Almy, Robert F.	Pvt	Troy
Gicobbi, Anthony J.	Pvt	Troy
*Tobin, Bernard F.	Tec 3	Rully
*Bush, Matthew J.	S Sgt	Utica
*Homan, Fred L.	Sgt	Valley Stream
*Wheeland, Stanley H.	Pfc	Vestal
*McCullagh, Leon L.	Pvt	Walton
*Eygabroat, Jacob A.	Tec 3	West Bloomfield
*Scopoletti, Salvatore	Pfc	White Plains
Rist, Austin S.	Capt	Williamsville
*Gettle, Charles J.	Cpl	Woodhaven
*Thomas, Vincent	Pfc	Woodhaven
Rados, Charles T.	Pfc	Woodlawn
Callahan, Nicholas J.	Pvt	Woodside
*Hennes, Warren J.	Pfc	Woodside
Schmidt, Raymond L.	Pfc	Woodside
*Marotta, Rocco A.	Ist Lt	Yonkers
*Rice, James F.	Tec 5	Yonkers

NORTH CAROLINA

*Hill, James R.	Pfc	Bahama
Deaton, Dave L.	Pvt	Belmont
Best, Edward L. Jr.	Cpl	Charlotte
*Turner, Ben F.	Pfc	Columbia
*Bennett, Richard B.	Tec 5	Durham
*White, Roland	Pfc	Elizabeth City
*Swindell, Henry R.	Pfc	Engelhard
*Fry, Russel A.	Pfc	Folkstone
*Stanley, Brownlow	Pfc	Forbes
*Hardee, Vernon D.	Tec 4	Greenville
*Simmons, Johnnie W.	Pfc	Greenville
*Woody, Van B.	Pvt	Green Mount
Johnson, Rex E.	Pvt	Harmony
Eaves, George	Sgt	Henderson
*Austin, James A. Jr.	Capt	High Point
*Adcock, Henry O.	Pfc	Kannapoles

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NORTH CAROLINA (continued)

*Smith, John W.	Pfc	Kernersville
*Prater, Hargis	Pvt	Knightstown
*Lonon, James H.	Pvt	Marion
*Cleaver, Cyrus C.	Tec 5	Pinehurst
*Stone, John E.	Cpl	Raleigh
*Holloman, Roland S.	Ist Sgt	Rocky Mount
*Terry, Kenneth V.	Pfc	Seven Springs
Weeks, Clifton J. Jr.	Pvt	Tarboro
Brumme, Arthur E.	Pvt	Wilmington
*Flynn, Corneluis B.	Pfc	Wilmington
*Gertz, Rudolph	Pfc	Wilmington

NORTH DAKOTA

*Moos, Philip	Pfc	Gackel
*Kastner, Victor S.	2d Lt	Hebron
*Burau, Gordon L.	S Sgt	Larson
*Soggie, Marvin A.	Tec 4	Oberon

OHIO

*Wiseman, Johnnie L.	Pfc	Beaver
*Dew, Wesley	Pfc	Bedford
Dove, William A.	Pvt	Cincinnati
*Huck, Robert F.	Pvt	Cincinnati
Pilot, James E.	Pvt	Cincinnati
Pilot, Marvin M.	Pvt	Cincinnati
*Burant, Fred J.	Pfc	Cleveland
*Cisismatia, Bernard W.	Pfc	Cleveland
Dix Walter C.	Pvt	Cleveland
Fazio, Victor M.	Pvt	Cleveland
*Ford, Allen L.	Pvt	Cleveland
*Kohut, George R.	Pfc	Cleveland
*McKenna, Herbert J.	Pvt	Cleveland
*Young, John A.	Pfc	Cleveland
Bryant, Donald T.	Pvt	Columbus
Johnson, George R.	Pvt	Cortland
*Morse, Jack I.	Pfc	Cuyahoga Falls
*Deatrick, John F. Jr.	M Sgt	Defiance
*Saling, Harry A.	Pfc	Dexter City
York, Phil A.	Pvt	Farmdale
*Updike, James A.	Pfc	Fremont
Perkins, Orville J.	Tec 4	Jackson
*Lutz, Howard B.	Tec 4	Laurelville
*Little, Ashburn Jr.	Pfc	Manchester
Adelman, Robert K.	Pvt	Mansfield
*Hendershot, Dale W.	Pvt	Marietta
*Tate, Robert R.	Ist Lt	Marietta
*Mosier, Arthur W.	Pfc	Middle Point
*Hunter, John A.	Pfc	Middletown
*McCarty, Everert	Tec 5	Middletown
*Moore, Dale	Cpl	Middletown
Haywood, Lewis	Pfc	Newton
*Courtney, Charles L.	Pfc	North Bend
Sakadis, Joseph C.	Pfc	Norwood
*Shannon, Carl E.	Pfc	Piqua
*Collins, Robert E.	Pvt	Portsmouth
Ruehr, Robert H.	Pvt	Ravenna
*May, John W.	Tec 5	Rockford
*Hudson, Frederick G.	Pvt	Sabina
*Smith, David P.	Pvt	South Point
*Frey, Stanley R.	Pfc	Springfield
Stayton, Edwin D.	Cpl	Springfield
Brown, Ralph	Pvt	Tiro
*Hoyt, Ernest R.	Tec 4	Toledo
*Roth, George W.	Pfc	Toledo
*Morris, Gerlad W.	Pfc	Vandalia
*Crain, Allan O.	Pfc	Warren
*Harover, Paul	Sgt	Winchester
*Dory, Wesley C.	Sgt	Youngstown
*Malesky, John J.	Pfc	Youngstown
*Pezzuto, Joseph V.	Pfc	Youngstown
*Sich, George Jr.	Pfc	Youngstown

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OKLAHOMA

*Tyson, Marion O.	Pfc	Boswell
*Hunt, Hubert A.	Pfc	Byass
*Krpaff, William E.	Pfc	Olustee
*Gibson, Cecil F.	Pvt	Tisomingo

OREGON

Richards, Water T.	Tec 4	Hillsborough
Johnson, George E.	Pvt	Portland

PENSYLVANIA

Lawfer, William L. Jr.	Pfc	Allentown
Yeager, Harvey C.	Pfc	Allentown
Inlow, Paul L.	S Sgt	Altoona
*Krape, Joseph F.	Sgt	Altoona
*Kelly, Raymond J.	Tec 5	Ardmore
*Rose, Oral V.	Pfc	Baden
*Ezzo, Joseph J.	Pfc	Beaver
Couch, Robert D.	Pfc	Beaver Falls
*Fritzinger, Marvin A.	Pfc	Bethlehem
*Everhart, Charles R.	Pfc	Birdsboro
*Hale, Russell S.	Tec 5	Boston
Macesic, Sava	Pvt	Braddock
Benkovich, Andrew J.	Pvt	Bridgeport
Novelli, Nicholas T.	Pfc	Bridgeville
*Burris, Victor J.	Pfc	Bunkertown
Cricks, Martin L.	Tec 5	Butler
*Delaney, John L.	Pfc	Butler
Maleski, Emil E.	Cpl	Butler
Mershimer, Fredrick A.	Pfc	Butler
Schuller, Willis J.	Pvt	Butler
Summerville, Kenneth C.	Pfc	Butler
*Love, Elder A.	Pfc	Camp Hill
Burger, Judah L.	Pvt	Carmichaels
*Banks, Donald L.	S Sgt	Chambersburg
Bergren, Charles L.	Pvt	Clairton
*Sumago, Steve	Pfc	Clarksville
*Leister, George H.	Cpl	Collegeville
*Kretzu, Tryon J.	Tec 5	Concordville
*Johns, Marvin E.	Pfc	Conemaugh
*Clawson, Christy	Pfc	Cresson
*Sanders, Dale P.	Tec 5	Delta
*Deeds, Harry J.	Tec 5	Derry
*Schrock, George B.	Pfc	Dickerson Run
*West, William D.	Pfc	Dilliner
*Davidheiser, Samuel	Tec 5	Douglasville
*Polm, Donald C.	Pfc	DuBois
Margotta, Joseph A.	Pfc	Dunmore
*Kitchen, Arthur B.	S Sgt	Easton
Kanyan, Nick	Pfc	Edinboro
Lang, John A.	Cpl	Erie
Bendl. Anthony A.	Pfc	Falrobe
Maranich, Charles	Pvt	Finleyville
*Smith, Charles S.	Tec 5	Flourtown
*Dombrosky, John J.	Ist Sgt	Forest City
*Norris, Matthew S.	S Sgt	Gibsonia
Johnson, Mervin	Pvt	Girards Fork
McCabe, Howard K.	Cpl	Glenshaw
*Randall, Edward	Tec 5	Gouldsboro
*Jacoby, Charles R.	Pfc	Harrisburgh
Press, David H.	Cpl	Harrisburgh
Beyers, Harold	Tec 4	Harrisville
Funk, Orville L.	Pfc	Hatfield
*Stapleton, Thomas J.	Pvt	Haverford
*Agresta, Frank Jr.	Cpl	Hazelton
*Simone, Anthony F.	Pfc	Hazelton
Campbell, Walter P.	Pfc	Hilliards
*Lynn, Charles W.	Pfc	Huntington
Pas, Leo J.	Cpl	Irwin
Koehler, Herman R.	Cpl	Jenkintown
*Chucheck, Anthony C.	S Sgt	Johnstown
*Wentz, Wilbur D.	S Sgt	Johnstown
Alexander, William F.	Tec 5	Kittanning

PENNSYLVANIA (continued)

*Fenninger, William H.	Pfc	Lancaster
Keenan, Arthur K.	Tec 5	Lancaster
*Henry, Leon C.	Pfc	Landsdale
*Skrzat, Edmond S.	Cpl	Landsdale
Trumbore, Jacob S.	Cpl	Landsdale
Thornton, Robert W.	Tec 5	Lannier
Cline, George P.	Pvt	Latrobe
Geary, Louis H. Jr.	Pvt	Latrobe
Close, Howard A. Jr.	Cpl	Lawrenceville
*Miller, Russell D.	Pfc	Lebannon
Seiders, Delmar D.	Pvt	Lebannon
*Koch, Willard K.	Pfc	Lehigton
*Lakatas, George	Tec 5	Lehigton
*Leyer, Joseph F.	Cpl	Lehigton
*Foltz, Harry E.	Pfc	Lewistown
Maitz, Albert R.	Tec 5	Limeport
*Sedesse, Peter R.	Pfc	Lydens
Lewis, Chester I.	Pfc	Manns Choice
Boyer, John R.	Pfc	Marietta
*Lauver, Earl L.	Pfc	McAllisterville
*Stupar, John W.	Pvt	McKeesport
Sturrock, Rodney L.	Pfc	Meadville
*Stevenson, Robert L.	Tec 3	Mill Hall
*Quinn, Daniel J.	Pfc	Minooka
*Hanby, Fred B. III.	Pfc	Natrona
Pflug, Clayton C.	Pfc	New Brighton
Usner, Leon J.	Pfc	New Holland
*Duncan, William J.	Ist Lt	New Rea
Bernhard, Clarence M.	Pvt	North Wales
Cusumano, Joseph	Pvt	Old Forge
*Kost, Michael Jr.	Pfc	Palmerton
*Bickett, John L.	Pfc	Petersburg
*Antonelli, Carmen	M Sgt	Philadelphia
Armstrong, Edmund F.	Sgt	Philadelphia
*Barker, William T.	Pfc	Philadelphia
Becker, Rowber W.	Pvt	Philadelphia
Brick, Abraham	Pvt	Philadelphia
Castelli, Dario A.	Pvt	Philadelphia
*Craig, Hartley E.	Tec 5	Philadelphia
*Cherry, Phillip	Pvt	Philadelphia
*Coff, Martin J.	Sgt	Philadelphia
Competelli, Edward A.	Tec 5	Philadelphia
Connor, Joseph I.	Tec 5	Philadelphia
Davidson, George H.	Pfc	Philadelphia
Dietz, Norman	Pfc	Philadelphia
*Dirmeyer, Charles N.	Cpl	Philadelphia
Feld, Aaron	Pvt	Philadelphia
*Gerace, Peter	Cpl	Philadelphia
Gill, Nyles J.	Pvt	Philadelphia
Graffigna, John Jr.	Pvt	Philadelphia
*Graham, Wilham H. Jr.	Pfc	Philadelphia
Grieb, George J.	Pvt	Philadelphia
*Hamaty, Simon G.	Pfc	Philadelphia
*Harte, John J.	Pfc	Philadelphia
Kachigian, Zavian	Cpl	Philadelphia
*Keller, Paul W.	Pfc	Philadelphia
*Lesser, Sydney	Ist Lt	Philadelphia
Lord, William S.	Tec 5	Philadelphia
*Ludgin, Samuel	Pfc	Philadelphia
*Magazino, Dominick J.	Tec 5	Philadelphia
*McArthur, Joseph M.	Pvt	Philadelphia
*McGinley, Thomas J.	Ist Lt	Philadelphia
McLaughlin, Edmond F.	Pvt	Philadelphia
McLaughlin, Thomas L.	Pfc	Philadelphia
*McMenamin, Edward R.	Pfc	Philadelphia
*McMenamin, Michael J.	Sgt	Philadelphia
*Miller, Francis R.	Tec 5	Philadelphia
*Mills, Warren A.	Pfc	Philadelphia
Morgan, William K.	Pvt	Philadelphia
*Nelson, Samuel B.	Pfc	Philadelphia
Neveil, Charles G.	Pvt	Philadelphia
*Paffen, Werner J.	Pfc	Philadelphia
*Polec, Anthony J.	Pfc	Philadelphia
*Saal, John W.	Tec 5	Philadelphia
Seidman, Jacob	Tec 5	Philadelphia
*Simmons, Elmer	Tec 4	Philadelphia
*Sirkin, Sidney	Pfc	Philadelphia
Socknovitz, Leon	Pvt	Philadelphia
*Stefchak, Metro	Sgt	Philadelphia
*Sweeney, John J.	Pfc	Philadelphia
Tocci, Patrick A.	Pfc	Philadelphia
Vose, David F.	Pvt	Philadelphia
*Williams, John F.	Pvt	Philadelphia
*Weselyk, John	Pfc	Philadelphia
*Wloch, Charles J.	Pvt	Philadelphia
Yorio, Leo J.	Pvt	Philadelphia
Bailey, William M.	Tec 4	Pittsburg
*Berk, Ralph H.	Tec 5	Pittsburg
*Hazley, Clifford E.	Pfc	Pittsburg
*Landosky, Joseph C.	Tec 5	Pittsburg
*Reilly, John M.	Pfc	Pittsburg
*Rooney, Stephen J.	Capt	Pittsburg
*Salley, Frank J.	Tec 4	Pittsburg
*Schultz, Martin J. Jr.	Pfc	Pittsburg
Zaremski, Anthony J.	S Sgt	Pittsburg
Peters, Lloyd W. Jr.	Pvt	Plymouth Meeting
*Williams, James E.	Pfc	Port Matilda
*Farenish, Michael	S Sgt	Pottsville
*Starr, Joseph A.	Pvt	Pottsville
*Unbenhen, William G.	Pfc	Pottsville
*Stavarski, William J.	Ist Lt	Reading
*Higgins, John J.	Pfc	Scranton
*Bylinsky, Boley W.	Pfc	Shenandoah
*Antonelli, Vincent P.	Sgt	Sheppton
McConnell, Donald S.	Pfc	Slippery Rock
*Godshall, Leroy D.	Pfc	Souderton
* Mattie, William	Pvt	Springdale
*Marshall, Lloyd G.	Tec 4	Tarentum
*Nania, Albert P.	Pvt	Trafford
*Falke, Harry H.	Pfc	Turtle Creek
*Dale, Dallett	Pfc	Westchester
*Stein, John E.	S Sgt	West Hazelton
*Paddick, Wasil	Pvt	West Homestead
*Noone, Georges B. Jr.	Pfc	West Pittston
Gruzosky, Michael	Tec 5	West Springfield
*Strawser, Charles T.	Pfc	Wila
Mellus, John G.	Cpl	Wilkes Barre
Bollenbacher, Helmut	Pfc	Wildinburg
Lambert, Daryl	Tec 5	Williamsport
*Weikel, William P.	Tec 5	Willow Grove
*Czech, Boleslaw M.	Pfc	Windber
*O'Boyle, William J.	Pvt	Wyoming
Musto, James P.	Pvt	Yatesville

RHODE ISLAND

Faws, Charles A.	Pvt	East Greenwich
Haigh, Alfred D.	Major	East Providence
*Hopkins, John A. Jr.	Tec 5	East Providence
Picotte, Emery O.	Pvt	Johnston
*Sousa, Manuel	Pvt	North Providence
Capron, John W.	Pvt	Providence
*Connery, William E.	Pfc	Providence
Fain, Harry	Pfc	Providence
*Fratus, Manuel M.	Pfc	Providence
Marcocci, Alfred A.	Tec 5	Providence
*O'Neil, Joseph P.	Pfc	Providence
Shapazian, Charles H.	Pvt	Providence
Brown, Otis B.	Cpl	Wakefield
*Bowden, George E.	Pfc	Westerly
*Amato, Jerry	Pfc	West Warwick
Chandonnet, Edward J.	Pvt	West Warwick
Gaya, Wilfred A Jr.	Pvt	West Warwick

SOUTH CAROLINA

*Bruce, Clyburn	Pfc	Camden
*Freeman, Andrew	Pfc	Cheraw

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SOUTH CAROLINA (continued)

Pope, John W. R. Jr.	Maj	Columbia
*Arnette, Evander H.	Capt	Dillon
*Pittman, John G. Jr.	Capt	Gafney
Reeves, Walter G.	Pvt	Greenville
*Ballentine, John R.	2d Lt	Greenwood
*Holder, Curtis J.	Tec 4	Greenwood
*Simpson, Thomas S.	Pvt	Greenwood
Smith, William L.	Pfc	Greenwood
Smith, Noah	Pfc	Latta
*Howell, Charles W.	Tec 5	McBee
Reeves, John H.	Pfc	Ravenal
*Cauthen, William A.	Lt Col	St Matthews

SOUTH DAKOTA

*Doering, Calvin J.	Pfc	Gregory
Bendinagel, Don V.	S Sgt	Huron

TENNESSEE

*Kee, Dewey L.	Cpl	Camden
Neligan, John T.	1st Lt	Chattanooga
*Underwood, George D.	S Sgt	Cunningham
*Starnes, Thomas H.	Tec 5	Greenville
*Perkins, George M.	Pfc	Jellico
*Ballard, Orville L.	Cpl	Knoxville
*Bradley, Henry L. Jr.	Pfc	Knoxville
*Brewer, Ralph W.	Tec 4	Knoxville
Dennison, Ben	Pfc	Knoxville
Staggs, Doyle M.	Pvt	Laurenceburg
*Brewer, Paul E.	Pvt	Lenoir City
Beavers, Joe A.	Pvt	McKenzie
Clark, William C.	Pvt	McMinville
*Weckerle, John M.	Pfc	McMinville
Marks, Edwin M.	Pvt	Memphis
*Piano, David M.	Tec 5	Memphis
Thompson, Homer W. Jr.	Cpl	Memphis
*Brown, Alfred D. Jr.	Pvt	Nashville
*Gill, Jesse W.	Pfc	North Nashville
Thomas, Robert C.	Pvt	Philippy
*Gaines, Norman A.	Cpl	Powell Station
*Matthews, James W.	Pfc	Richard City
Jeter, Grady F.	Tec 5	Rives
*Johnson, John L.	Pvt	Roan Mt.
*Marion, Grover C.	Pfc	Sneedville
Davis, Lloyd	Pfc	Unicoy
*Lawson, Robert W.	Pfc	Vonore

TEXAS

Campbell, William D.	Cpl	Dallas
Delgado, Jose J.	Pvt	El Paso
*Peterek, Willie E.	Pfc	Gonzales
*Etter, Cecil S.	Pfc	Mineral Wells
*Stockton, Jesse I.	Pfc	Paris
Wilkins, Joe B.	Sgt	Petrolia
*Adcock, A. D.	Pfc	Gustine

UTAH

Olson, Sydney J.	Sgt	Logan
*Badger, Howard C.	Capt	Salt Lake City

VERMONT

Jurras, Thomas R.	Capt	Barre
*Gokey, Howard F.	Pfc	Bellows Falls
*Smith, Stanislaus P.	Pfc	Bellows Falls
*Cavanagh, Edward J.	Pfc	Brattleboro
*Denyou, Arthur L.	Pfc	Brattleboro
*Kibbee, Milton G.	Cpl	Hardwich
*Shine, Brinton E.	Sgt	Wardsboro

*Men serving with organization overseas.

VIRGINIA

*Hammersley, Ernest S.	Tec 5	Alexandria
*Tibbs, Carlton B.	Pfc	Alliuista
*Robinette, Lloyd	Pfc	Appalachia
*Chappel, Wallace L.	Pfc	Back Bay
*Delceg, Theodore L.	Pvt	Big Stone Gap
*Ray, Robert L.	Sgt	Big Stone Gap
*Duncan, Glen O.	Pfc	Black Water
*Hare, George W.	Pvt	Chapel
*McDaniel, Stuart J.	Pvt	Clifton Forge
*Wilson, George W.	Tec 5	Copper Hill
*Fitzgerald, William W.	Cpl	Covington
Terry, Louis B.	Cpl	Covington
*Foster, Ernest H.	Pfc	Ferrum
*Gutshall, Herbert A.	Pfc	Fisherville
*Williams, Peyton H.	Tec 5	Floyd
*Warf, Randall Z.	Tec 5	Galax
*Frazier, Guy M.	Tec 5	Gladys
*McManaway, John W.	Cpl	Gladys
*Cromer, Howard W.	Pfc	Goodwin Ferry
Coffinan, Allen E.	Tec 5	Hampton
Garner, Frank	Tec 5	Hampton
Chapman, Edward F.	Sgt	Happy Creek
*Hale, Howard H.	Pfc	Jamaico
*Sensabaugh, Letcher L.	Tec 5	Lexington
*Woody, Clarence W. Jr.	Tec 5	Lynchburg
*Campbell, Arthur W.	Cpl	Martinsville
*Waddell, William H.	Sgt	Middleburgh
*Willis, Henry O.	Pfc	Moneta
*Kinland, Mark A.	Sgt	Norfolk
Pierce, Gordon M.	Pvt	Norfolk
*Swain, Royce T. Sr.	Sgt	Norfolk
Duncan, Edward T.	Pvt	North Tazewell
*Woods, Carl T.	Pfc	Osaka
Shorter, John C.	Pfc	Phoebus
Banes, Bernard E.	Pfc	Popular Hill
*Grimes, George W.	T Sgt	Portsmouth
*Stanley, Eugene A.	Tec 5	Radford
*Bambacus, Joseph S.	Pfc	Richmond
Daughety, Roy A.	Pvt	Richmond
*Hobson, Ritzhugh A.	Tec 5	Richmond
*Marye, Robert V. Jr.	Capt	Richmond
Miller, Laurence G. Jr.	Pvt	Richmond
Busak, Matthew J.	1st Sgt	Richmond
Savage, Bernard L.	Pfc	Richmond
*Winfree, Thomas L.	Pfc	Richmond
Bower, George J.	Pvt	Riner
Francisco, Bennie A.	Pvt	Salem
Critzer, George A.	Pvt	Schyler
*Dodson, Andrew J.	Pfc	Shenandoah
Johnson, William W.	Pvt	South Norfolk
*Quaiff, Frank W.	Sgt	South Richmond
Wynn, Bennie L.	Pfc	South Richmond
Mattie, William	Cpl	Springdale
*Anthony, Penn A.	Pfc	Stella
*Clark, Gerald L.	Tec 5	West Point
*Berry, William S.	Tec 5	Wolftown
*O'Galvin, James F.	Pfc	Wytheville
*Sult, Robert L.	1st Sgt	Wytheville

WASHINGTON

*Breitenbucher, Howard E.	Pvt	Seattle
Glendenning, Slyle L.	1st Sgt	Seattle
*Hooper, Alan V.	Capt	Seattle
Morgan, James F.	Pvt	Union

WEST VIRGINIA

*Isaac, Bill	Pvt	Bandytown
*Brinegar, Woodrow R.	Tec 4	Cassville
Wells, Charles	Pvt	Davy
*Markham, Odell C.	Pvt	Huntington
*Way, Fred E. Jr.	Capt	Kenova

WEST VIRGINIA (continued)

*Kief, Karl A.	Pfc	Martinsburg
Anderson, James F.	Pfc	Morgantown
Joses, Howard S.	Pvt	South Charleston

WISCONSIN

Jahnke, Daniel K.	Pfc	Appletown
Stearns, James F.	Pvt	Brodhead
*Fry, Ervin A.	Tec 5	Brooks
*Moriarty, John J.	Tec 5	Cambridge
*Nottestad, Alvin R.	Cpl	Cambridge
*Duckert, Miles D.	Cpl	Cottage Grove
Lobnes, Joseph	Pvt	Grandon
Rogers, Frederick G.	Pfc	Eau Claire
*McDonald, Francis J.	Pfc	Falls Creek
*Colward, John D.	Pfc	Fond Du Lac
*Hammang, Lawrence J.	S Sgt	Fond Du Lac
Lapine, James E.	Pvt	Fond Du Lac
Linde, Cirlyn F.	Pvt	Fond Du Lac
*McClellan, Donald M.	Pfc	Fond Du Lac
Nutter, Richard S.	Pfc	Fond Du Lac
*Olson, Robert W.	Sgt	Footville
*Heide, Robert C.	Cpl	Fort Atkinson
*Berg, Francis J.	Cpl	Green Bay
*King, Robert W.	Tec 5	Green Bay
*Boon, Merrill L.	Pfc	Greenwood
*Borsche, Claire E.	Tec 5	Hortonville
*Schwartz, Alex W.	Pfc	Ixonia
Thom, Walter G.	Pvt	Jamesville
Kemmeter, Bernard G.	Pfc	Jefferson
Miller, Arthur W.	Pfc	Jefferson
Behrendt, Aaron W.	Pvt	Kimberly
Kimball, Robert L.	Pvt	La Crosse
Cocroft, Harry E.	Cpl	Lake Geneva
Jonet, Norman S.	Pvt	Luxemburg
*Caruso, Sam	Cpl	Madison
Meister, Vernon G.	Pvt	Madison
*Stevens, Earl L.	Cpl	Madison
*Meyer, Arnold W.	Pfc	Merrill
Warren, Vern F.	Pfc	Merrill
Anderson, Robert H.	Pvt	Milwaukee
*Cholka, Chester P.	Tec 5	Milwaukee
Chudik, Edward H.	1st Lt	Milwaukee
Heath, Robert J.	Pvt	Milwaukee
Hille, Warren R.	Pfc	Milwaukee
Horner, Royal R.	Pvt	Milwaukee

WISCONSIN (continued)

*Johnson, Wilho E.	Pfc	Milwaukee
Kanjorski, Harry C.	Pvt	Milwaukee
*Macarty, Lester H.	Pfc	Milwaukee
*Richards, Paul H.	Pfc	Milwaukee
*Smet, Elmer H.	S Sgt	Milwaukee
Webster, Robert H.	Pfc	Milwaukee
*Wickham, James J.	Tec 5	Milwaukee
Worzala, Eugene J.	Pvt	Milwaukee
Pynn, James F.	Pvt	Oconomowoc
*Vosburg, Warren H.	Cpl	Oshkosh
Chapman, Raymond J.	Pvt	Palmyra
*Elliott, Frank M.	Tec 5	Prentice
*Asplund, Robert J.	Tec 5	Racine
Priebe, Leroy J.	Pvt	Schofield
*Beaver, Robert P.	Cpl	Sheboygan
Pfister, John	Pvt	Sheboygan
Wagner, Aloysius	Pvt	Sheboygan
*Guenther, Gilbert G.	Cpl	Sheboygan Falls
*Paske, Clarence E.	Pfc	South Range
McMullen, Roger E.	Tec 5	Sparta
Morgan, Hugh F.	Pvt	Sparta
Alexander, Marvin E.	Tec 4	Superior
*Baldwin, Charles F.	Tec 5	Tomah
Snider, Donald L.	Pfc	Tomah
Ungerer, Joseph J.	Pvt	Tomahawk
*Dassey, Clyde J.	Tec 5	Two Rivers
Paulson, Richard E.	Pvt	Washburn
Zier, Edward W.	Pfc	Watertown
*Gerretson, Edward G.	Tec 5	Waupun
*Ostrowski, Frank C.	Pfc	Wausaw
*Fero, Charles	Tec 5	Whitewater
Limp, Eugene E.	Pvt	Wilton
Rueckheim, Frank W.	Pvt	Wilton
*Kobza, Raymond C.	Tec 5	Wisconsin Rapids
Rezin, Denneth R.	Pvt	Wisconsin Rapids
*Singsheim, William A.	Tec 5	Wisconsin Rapids

MEXICO

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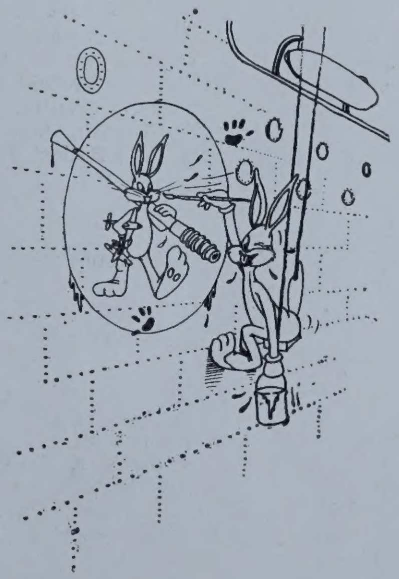
CANADA

*Bulcroft, Nelson A.	Pfc	Montreal



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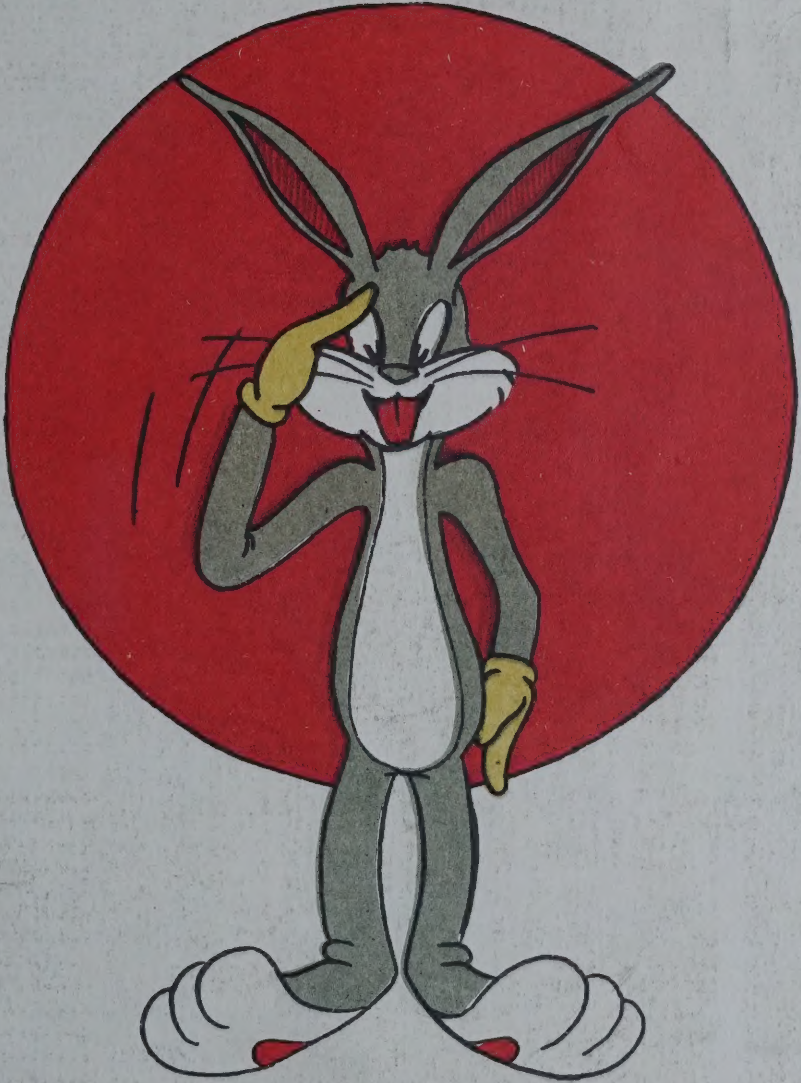

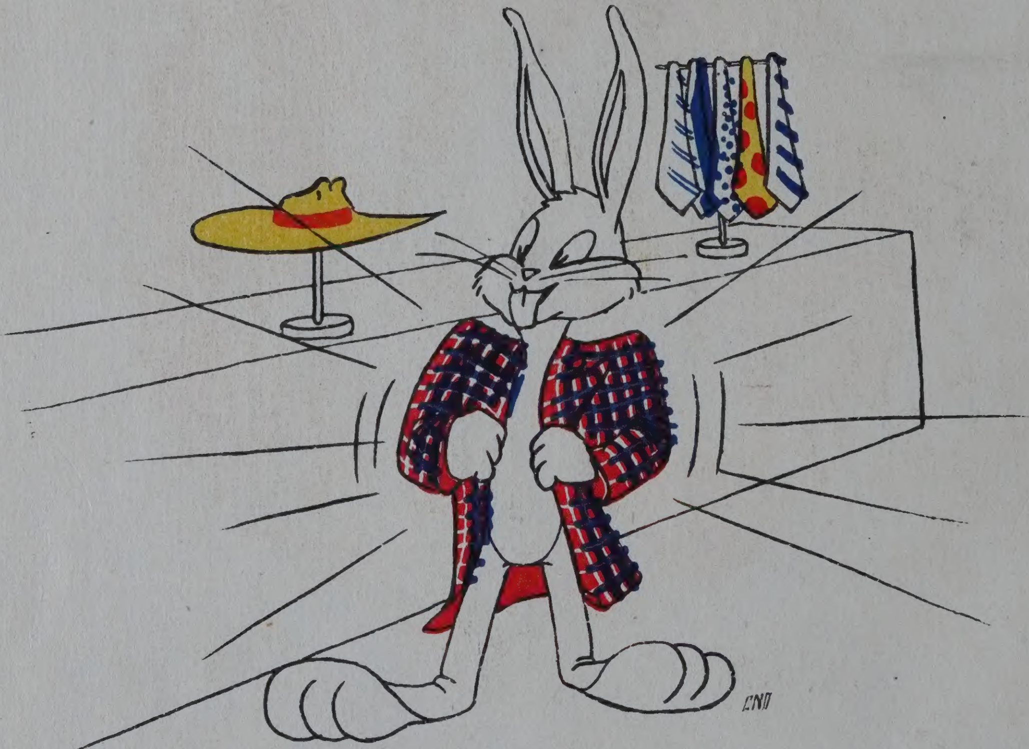

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